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Bishop branded a Judas for betraying Catholic church

Madeleine Bunting Religious Affairs Editor

of Argyll was com-pared to Judas by one of his former priests yesterday for be-traying the trust of the

Catholic church.
The culmination of a week of scandal came yesterday when the former bishop, Roderick Wright, sold his story to a tabloid newspaper. He revealed that he is planning to marry the divorcee parish-ioner, Kathleen MacPhee, with whom he ran away

There was little reference to the Mr Wright's former lover, Joanna Whibley and his 15-year-old son, Kevin.

The revelations were the r, Kathleen MacPhee, final twist of the knife for whom he ran away British Catholics, after a said to be in a state of "sadweeks ago, an action week of bitter disillusion ness, total disbelief and

The former bishop and Mrs MacPhee described from their rented cottage in Kendal, Cumbria, their anguish at falling in love and their attempts to keep apart; they claimed they had no physical relationship.

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Whibley.

At St Columba's cathedral, Oban, the church abandoned its bishop, Fr Sean MacAulay told worshippers: "Like Christ was betrayed by someone in his group for 30 pieces of silver, perhaps we feel similarly betrayed" group for 30 pieces of silver, perhaps we feel similarly betrayed."

The two most senior fig-ures in the church hierarcby in Scotland, Cardinal Thomas Winning and Arch-bishop Keith O'Brien, were

fit Mr Wright has done nothing to dispel the fury of Catholics. Churchmen described the money as

tainted" Ann Widdecombe, the Home Office minister and Catholic convert, described the payment as the "wages of sin" and said excommunication should be considered. The Church immediately ruled this out.

attended their parish might turn his back on the church in Polegate. East Church altogether: "What we are saying right now to Roddy is that you should denouncement of the forvery seriously consider mer bishop. your position. We hope and pray that he can remain within the church."

The former bishop's in-

terview with the News of the World covered five pages, illustrated with photos of himself with Mrs MacPhee, but he only said that he had a "very guilty

Church has been hurt and bruised," Fr Dermot Kea-veney said. Meanwhile, the Catholic

church is grappling with the priests or women seeking problem of how to respond help. conscience" towards his problem of how to respond to women involved with added: "His [Kevin's] priests and their children.

Neither of the Whibleys

revelations of a string such relationships. Senior members of the Catholic hierarchy suggested a committee should be set up to find out the extent of the problem, but last week the Vatican

"They were betrayed. The various familles were betrayed. The people of Argyll were betrayed. The Church was betrayed. The Church has betrayed. The church has been have and collect size of the church has been always and collect size of the church was betrayed. The collect size of the church was betrayed. The collect size of the church was been always and collect size of the church was been always and collect size of the church could not be expected to police its price of the sellors — similar to those who handle cases of child sexual abuse — who would be the first port of call for



Clarke jumps on Euro

John Palmer in Dublin, Larry Effott and Ewen MacAskill

HE Government was embroiled in over Europe last night after the of finance ministers in Dublin launched the final push for the formation of a single currency in less than two-and-ahalf years' time.

With Brussels announcing the start of the countdown to a 1999 start date, Chancellor Kenneth Clarke enraged Conservative Euro-sceptics by claiming Britain should sign up with the other eight likely candidates for monetary union "if it was in the national interest".

Some Euro-sceptics were last night calling for Mr Clarke to step down as Chancellor after he agreed with Jacques Santer, EU Commission president, that "the movement to a single currency in 1999 is now

John Redwood warned that the Chancellor should not lose touch with the grassroots of his party, while Sir George Gardiner said: "It would be unfortunate to lose Kenneth Clarke as Chancellor but if he insists on preventing the party serving the wishes and interests of the British people, then that would be a loss we could bear."

However, Mr Clarke was unrepentant yesterday, rounding on "rent-a-quote critics" and backing the six Tory grandees who last week called for a more positive approach to a single currency. Amid signs that the Maas-

tricht convergence criteria for membership will be applied flexibly to include as many countries as possible, EU officials said yesterday that Germany, France, Luxembourg, Austria, Belgium, the Netherlands, Ireland and Finland were set to be part of the project from the outset. They are hopeful that the traordin European economy is emerg-ing from recession and that policy."

this will help countries to reduce budget deficits over the next two years.

Asked if he envisaged France, Germany and a couple of other countries setting up EMU with Britain waiting on the sidelines, Mr Clarke replied: "No. I hope that doesn't happen. That would be the worst policy of all — of the British doing their traditional business of not being able to make their minds up and then joining late. That

would be pathetic." The Dublin talks also agreed to a watered-down version of a German "stability pact" in which sanctions against members of the monetary union who fail to show sufficient budgetary discipline will be far less draconian.

In addition, finance ministers made progress on the framework for an "ERM Mark 2" to tie the currencies of those countries that stay outside the single currency bloc to the euro.

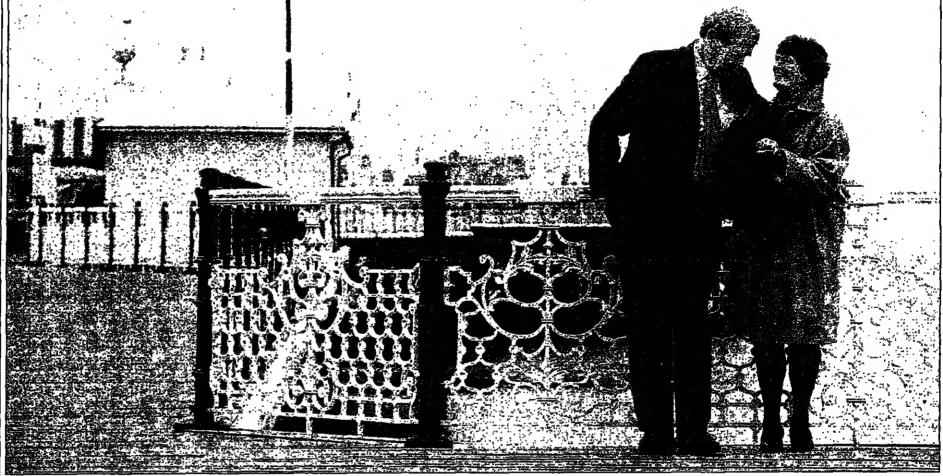
Mr Clarke used the meeting to make his strongest declaration of faith yet in both the inevitability of EMU and the case for Britain joining in. "When I come to these discussions I get the feeling ever more that clearly it is going to go ahead" he said.

go ahead," he said. "I believe there was an im-portant change in the climate for monetary union a few months ago. The big players have clearly shown now that

they intend it will happen on time." Mr Clarke added: "A single currency could offer the prospects of stability, low interest rates, and a zone of economic conditions which attract investment and stimulate the growth of trade.

"The policy of the Government is that we would choose whether to join the single cur-rency when the most sensible time arrived.

"We would be more popular in the country if some of my colleagues or former col-leagues . . . would stop this extraordinary attempt to get a civil war open to change that



Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, and his wife, Jane, before this week's conference in Brighton. He had a stern message for Labour. 🔝 Story, page 2 👚 PHOTOGRAPH MARTIN ARGLES

Strikes called off after threat of massive damages at secret meeting

Post union faces 'loaded gun'

HE Post Office union could face massive claims for damages as that the latest strikes were called off after Royal Mail threatened legal action over a balloting technicality.

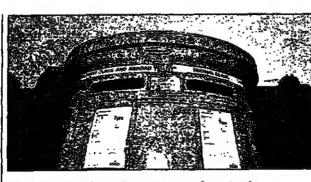
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Union leaders were forced to abandon two 24-hour strikes and agree to a new ballot last week, after Post Office execu-tives gave an ultimatum to the union leader, Alan John son, last Wednesday. Unless a new ballot of deliv-

ery and sorting workers was held, he was warned, Royal Mail would seek a court injunction banning further strikes and open the union to claims for damages from Post Office business users.

The bill could run to more than £1 million, officials fear, after Royal Mail discovered that the CWU failed to give formal notification of 431 spoilt ballot papers after the 67,311 to 31,528 strike vote was announced last June.

The prospect of a legal attack on the CWU risks turning the postal dispute into the biggest confrontation over anti-union legislation for a de-cade. Under the 1993 Trade



'This risks the biggest confrontation over anti-union legislation for a decade. The issue could blow up at the Labour Party conference'

Union Reform Act unions lose their immunity from being sued for damages if they breach a myriad regulations including the requirement to provide details of spoiled voting papers. Up to £250,000 can be awarded to each litigant. If any company sought to sue for lost business as a result of the eight 24-hour strikes staged since the end of June, the dispute over postal

working practices, pay and hours would be inflamed and

the issue could blow up dur-

ing Labour Party conference at the end of this month.

Labour put intense pressure on the CWU to call a fresh ballot and last week's decision was hailed as sen-sible by Tony Blair's office. But one CWU executive member said last night that the union would be pressing for support from the Labour lead-ership — and a commitment to change the law - if employers tried to bankrupt the union over a technicality.

legal action came to a head, the Guardian has learned, at a private meeting between Mr Johnson and Brian Thompson. Royal Mail's personnel director, last Wednesday. The legal assault would only be halted if the 24-hour strikes called for 7pm last Friday and 10pm last night were abandoned, and a ballot held on the reference deal offered by the package deal offered by Royal Mail, and rejected by the union, last July. The executive compromised by calling a new ballot on further industrial action and Royal Mail

dropped its injunction plans. But executive members said last night they believed that Royal Mail now had a "loaded gun to our heads" unless the legal threat was con-fronted. Suspicions have also been raised about why the union's staff failed to supply Royal Mail with the uncon-tentious spoiled ballot paper information, blanked out on the letter to the company. Union officials insist it was

an administrative error.

A Royal Mail spokesman said last night that the reasons for the CWU's decision to call off industrial action and reballot had been the Government's threat to lift the letter monopoly and Royal Mail's insistence union over a technicality. would withdraw its
The long-dangled threat of offer if that happened.

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developing countries which far outweighs. loans and aid,: new figures reveal

World News The Bhutto political dynasty paid their last respects to the prime minister's

Paddy Ashdown believes the electorate has had enough of the two main parties' 'conspiracy to deceive voters'.

Europe's women golfers were brushed aside on the final day of the Sotheim Cup yesterday as the US won all but one of the singles.

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brother who died in a gun battle.

City seeks to rise from Shambles

The IRA bomb demolished part of Manchester. Some residents feel planners should finish off the job and start again



David Ward

HORTLY after filled Saturday in June, a man standing on a hill in Salford saw a wondrous shimmering and glittering against a clear blue sky in the east. There were signs that some thing extraordinary had happened in Manchester that day, not least a loud bang and a cloud of dust and smoke. The watcher soon learned about the bomb (the one we always refer to as the largest on main-land Britain since the end of the last war) that had devas-

tated the city centre. But what had caused all that twinkling? Some time later it dawned on him that a billion fragments of glass had reflected the summer light after being wn into the air above the Arndale Centre by the IRA. Some of that glass lacerated

shoppers when it fell in Cross Street and St Ann's Square. But no one was killed. Man-chester sighed with relief and called in the glaziers.

The city is now the scaffoldng capital of Europe. Some hops have posters telling customers they have moved into temporary premises after what are always described as 'the events of June 15".

Marks & Spencer has aban-

doned its premises, which caught the full impact of the explosion. Behind it, boards still cover the windows of the jail-like offices rising above Shambles Square. Otherwise the square remains much as it was — a hideous concrete space approached through a dreary passage from St Mary's Gate.

The grand task force charged with overseeing the rebirth of Manchester has given five design teams £20,000 each to dream up ide for the transformation of this squalid dump and the rest of the city centre. On November 1 one will be chosen.

This is the top-down approach. At the weekend envi-ronmental activists went bottom-up and, at the suggestion of Friends of the Earth, invited the people of the city to have their say. The Manches-ter Local Agenda 21 group, which has adopted the environmental aims agreed at the



Residents' suggestions are pinned to a model of the city

to push into the model. An awful lot of "Demolish"

flimsy yellow tower of the

Arndale, the most derided site of Mothercare, a needle

more European type of city, e.g. cases on the pavement, read one label. "Refurbish ugly Arndale or pull it down. Get the Tories out?" Someone else demanded that the struc ture should be demolished and re-erected in Liverpool.

Amanda Lee-Fisher, who worked in an office in its squat, square tower until the bomb went off, thought it could be prettified with mirrors and other decorations. And Emily Roberston, aged 15, insisted: "The Arndale is safe and it's not cold or windy. And there are lots of shops selling affordable clothes."

But other LAZI consulta-tions suggested that the flat-tening of the Arndale would

not win universal applause.

Her mum Diana sighed: "She has *grieved* for the de truction of Top Shop." Mrs

struction of rop Snop. Mas Robertson would like to see the Arndale opened out and integrated with the rest of the city on which it turns its back. "This is a big city and it's not beautiful. But I'm stag-gered by the changes that have happened here over the last 20 years. Perhaps the last 20 years. Perhaps the bombers did us a favour. The way everyone has responded to the blast has been very Man

to the blast has been very Man-cunian. People didn't grieve or mourn. They responded to the challenge." But a woman who works nearby gazed disdainfully at the chewing gun-spattered pavement of the hated square. "The whole of Manchester needs a darn good clean. I wish needs a darn good clean. I wish the place was more like Leeds, with its open streets and Vic-

LA21 also gave out forms

in the making

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and asked people to state their likes and dislikes about Man-

'dramatic architecture", a

less deg mess and pollution,

phones, cycle tracks, trams: reconstruction "for people,

not greedy developers". Some

But what, ultimately, can

task forcers, green battlers and smart-planned designers do if, say, Marks and Sparks

chooses to replace its ruin with an as-before boring com-mercial temple dedicated to St

Michael, pairon saint of sen-sible trousers? Perhaps we

should pray for answers to St. Denis, patron saint of the

combed-out theological book

shop which has now found a

emporary home in the cathe

Royal Northern College of Music cheered everyone up by

playing Ravel's Bolero in that

dreary passage leading to Shambles Square. "You can't play here — this is private property." warned a nervous

What can St Michael, St

Denis and all the design teams in the world do about a prob-

A string group from the

draf's chapter house.

curity guard.

fewer cars; more toilets,

one suggested a course in town planning for city

ense of tradition.
Others came up with ideas:

chester. Some mentioned vibrancy, cultural activity.

Andrew Clements Leeds Town Hall, BBC2/Radio 3

T IS MORE than 20 years since the Leeds Piano Com-petition produced a winner who went on to establish him self in the very highest rank of international performers. That was the Russian Dmitri Alexeev, who walked away with the first prize in 1975.

have tended to be decent. rather than outstanding. But this year's winner --announced on Saturday night after the final round of concer tos spread across two evenings — holds the promise of making the transition from worthy winner to outstanding

The success of Ilya Itin, aged 29, a Russian resident in New York, was thoroughly uncontroversial, after a final in which the standard of per-

formance was very high.
Five of the six finalists, however, chose works by Rachmaniziov, treating the audience to no less than thre performances of the Paganini Rhapsody and two of the

There is no doubt that Itin was the outstanding per-former, with a wonderful range of colour, a truly imaginative way with texture and phrasing, and a supreme tech-nical command.

He was also awarded the contemporary music prize for his playing of Messiaen in the semi-final displaying a remarkable range and intelligence. He will make his Lon-don debut next month at the Queen Elizabeth Hall.

The jury — a cosmopolitan lot, though short of a pianist of the highest international stat-ure — takes into account performances in earlier rounds. That presumably coloured their choice for the second prize, for the Italian Roberto Cominati's efficient but unre markable performance of Rachmaninov's Second Concerto. The Prokofiev Third Concerto from the Yugoslav Aleksandar Madzar was by contrast dashing, dynamic

and oozing with personality.
All the performers received vivid support from Simon Rat-tle and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. They had led off the finals on Friday with an electrifying. ffervescent account of the Paganini Rhapsody with the

If some of her ideas were a oit approximate, there was no doubting her talent. Her placing — fourth — was a recognition of potential rather than present stature. The pianists placed fifth and sixth, the Armenian Armen Babakhanian and the Russian Ekaterina Apekisheva, are older, more finished artists. Itin was a

United Nations Earth Summit in Rio in 1992, erected its tent in Shambles Square, set out a crude polystyrene city centre model and offered shoppers little labels and cocktail sticks

bled in the vicious gale for which Shambles Square is no-torious. Other ideas for the shopping space in Britain, in-cluded a centre for the terminally ill near where Top Man used to be, a city farm on the

nation centre where Littlewoods is trading. "Make it [Manchester] a

Newspaper confession praises triumph of love over 'cold logic' though affair stays chaste atter week in love nest



ers at St Columba's cathedral found revelations in the News of the World, top left, hard to swallow PHOTOGRAPH: BRAN FAR class above them all.

role as Blair All TOWN

Liberal Democrats at Brighton

Ashdown

rules out

Michael White Political Editor

ADDY Ashdown today warns Tony Blair not to take the Liberal Democrats for granted and treat them as a mascot if Labour forms a

On the eve of his 1996 party conference in Brighton, the Liberal Democrat leader was walking a tightrope. He is torn between key allies who expect close co-operation — - if Mr Blair wins power, and grassroots activists and MPs who fear a realignment which may swallow them up.
In an interview with the
Guardian Mr Ashdown keeps
all his options open and
stresses his goal is multiparty politics. But he admits:
"What Tony Blair would like
to do, I'm sure, is throw a great maw around the entire left and centre-left of politics

and say this is all mine and I have little client states'." Evidently keen to acknowledge grassroots fears, he adds: "People in the Labour Party have got to get out of thinking that the Liberal Democrats are some small shed in the garden at Wal-worth Road [Labour's headquarters]. We are sovereign parties that offer different choices to the electorate." He rules out being the eter-

coalition with the bigger par-ties like the German Free Democratic Party (FDP). "I want my party to become the largest party in this country. I do not want the cosy position of being the FDP, everybody's mascot," he

nal bridesmaid, alternating in

asserts, at a time when Lib Dems are stuck at around 14-16 per cent in the polls.

Mr Ashdown's tactical move away from Labour is diametrically opposite to the friendly overture Mr Blair made to the Lib Dems before their Glasgow conference a year ago. Since then the Lib Dem leader has remained impressed by his Labour but wary of his party and his

Mr Ashdown believes his party enters the pre-election period in good shape. But throughout yesterday he and senior lieutenants like Alan Beith and Menzies Campbell engaged in shadow-boxing with TV and radio interviewthe shape of a possible post-

Forced to defend the abandonment of equidistance between their bigger rivals, Mr Campbell, MP for Fife NE,

said in a speech last night.
"After 18 years this country desperately needs a change of government. The tired selfserving days of Conservative government need to be brought to an end." That does not necessarily

justify coming to an arrangement with Labour if Mr Blair wins power, party strategists say. It all depends on how the votes fall. Mr Ashdown told the Guardian: "Change is coming. In that process the more Liberal Democrat MPs there are, the more secure more it will be the change you want, not the change you don't want." But his willingness to con-

sider close co-operation with a Blair cabinet was underlined by the comparison he offered: the relationship between Mar-garet Thatcher and Mikhail Gorbachev. "I will be offering a different choice. So when I talk about working together my mind goes back to Mrs Thatcher saying "I can do business with this man". No one ever claimed she was the same as this man." With dissident Lib Dem MPs

Liz Lynne and Malcolm Bruce expressing fears that "cosying up to Labour" could cost the down's allies repeatedly acknowledged common ground with Labour over Europe, education and the NHS.

They also share a commit

ment to constitutional reform, but this week's con-ference is certain to echo the leadership's "deep disap-poinment" over Labour's ref-erendum U-turn in Scotland — a tactical switch which made them doubt the sincer-ity of Labour's intentions in office, Mr Campbell said on BBC1's On the Record.

In his Guardian interview Mr Ashdown was scathing about Labour and the Tories ducking two key issues: a public spending crisis that would require higher taxes or spending cuts; and a decision — within weeks of a 1997 election — on whether or not to join a single European currency. He called the evasions "unvarnished lying".

There were three questions to be asked about New Labour: "How deep does the Blair revolution go, how di-vided are they? How rootless are they — having abandoned socialism, what do they stand for? Blair has been very cou-rageous, but will Labour be as courageous later on?"

Lib Dems target women,

"People in the Labour Party have got to get out of thinking that the Liberal Democrats are some small shed in the garden at Walworth Road [Labour's HQ] We are sovereign parties that offer different choices to the electorate."

Paddy Ashdown, speaking yesterday

The E word

Bishop hopes to marry

THE Catholic church's wrath grew by the hour, former bishop Roderick Wright yesterday portrayed his controversial li-alson with divorcee Kathleen MacPhee in terms dear to Hollywood producers: a tri-umph of love over tortured consciences and "cold logic".

Officially, however, the af-fair is still chaste. The scandal-enveloped couple claimed in yesterday's News of the World that "something they recognised as love" had devel-oped without an exchange of kisses on the lips. Despite spending a week in their Lake District love nest, they had not made love, nor even shared a bed. Both Mr Wright and Mrs

Erlend Clouston

MacPhee — who met 25 years ago — criticised the Church authorities for holding back his private admission last Sunday that he had fathered a son 15 years earlier. Cardinal Winning, head of the Roman Catholic church in Scotland, has explained that the decision was made to protect the

Mr Wright concedes that the boy's existence should have prevented him from be coming a bishop and claims that three times before his ordination he came close to refusing to go through with it. For many a day I have rued that I was appointed," he

says.

The article, illustrated by a photograph of Mrs MacPhee in a scarlet mohair cardigan. alleges that their relationship only developed after Mrs MacPhee's divorce. On the next page, a friend of Mr Mac-Phee recalls him blaming "that bloody man" for the Mr Wright does not reveal whether his new love knew

before Thursday evening about the existence of Ms

Whibley and son - nor her

EXCOMMUNICATION — the Catholic church's ul-timate sanction — is considered in matters of faith rather than discipline. Despite the scandal he has brought to the church, Roderick Wright is unlikely to receive this punishment,

rites Stuart Millar. Under the Code of Canon Law, a cleric who enters into "concubinage" with a woman and persists with it would be suspended, then barred from the clerical state. Even then, he would remain a member of the church and a cleric but could not practise.

A similar process would be invoked for such offences as "striking the Roman Pontiff" or "dese-

crating a church". In Britain, excommunication has been rare since the Middle Ages. The last no-table case was that of Elizabeth I, who established the her father, Henry VIII. broke of relations with

In a phrase which may send a chill down the spine of Cardinal Winning, who three years ago accepted his hishop's claims of innocence, he promises: "There are no more mistresses, just these two." The former bishop, pic-

tured in a white T-shirt, reveals that he hopes to marry Mrs MacPhee, acknowledging that the Catholic church would never recog-nise such a union.

In an attempt to placate Catholic outrage, Mr Wright alleges that the friendship developed over counselling he provided when Mrs MacPhee was suffering from cancer and the strains of her ruptured marriage. Both had sought help in prayer and in message today.

month-long periods of quarantipe from the other. He of his mind but she was "always there".

Mr Wright says he wants to "express sorrow" for the "hurt and damage" the couple's actions have caused. He also apologises for the "ne-glect and hurt" experienced by his son, Kevin Whibley, and wishes him happiness. But, he points out, his affair with Ms Whibley was 16 years ago, and was "totally different" to his current ent" to his current relationship.

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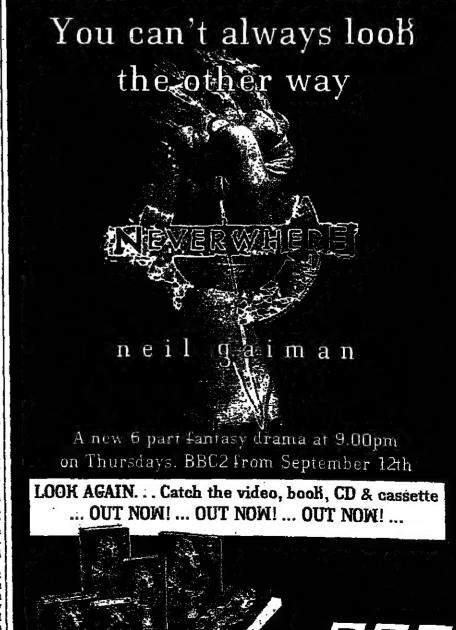
She notes wryly that "it would have been a lot easier" if the former bishop had been plumber or a dustman. Yesterday the couple left the cottage in Kendal, Cumbria, for an unknown destination. Neighbours said they had seemed a happy couple who had laughed and joked

town, worshippers leaving Sunday mass in the cathedral of St Columba were not inclined to extend much Christian charity to their former "I think people have been

let down and it will take a long time to get back to nor-mal," complained 71-year-old Donald Archy. Frances Shand Kydd, the

Princess of Wales's mother, aid stiffly: "I am here today to support the Catholic church and all the priests, especially those in Argyll and the Isles." Teresa Russell, 48, said: "You feel saddened for him

because he obviously was a man years ago with a very strong faith. He has lived with a great torment for a long, long time and he has to continue to live with it. But



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"I was shocked and very embarrassed because nobody had ever treated me like that before. I was in a small office with him and he was training me. I didn't want any of this, all I wanted was somebody to sort this out."

Mary Fogarty, sacked after bringing

Embassy sex row embarrasses US

Clinton challenged for seven other posts at the embassy, despite US government service dating back to 1984. on harassment

launched by a wom-CIA job at the US hassy in London threatens to cause severe embarrassment to the US State Department, which prides it-self on its anti-discrimination

Mary Fogarty, aged 36, an lrish citizen, has started an action alleging victimisation, after winning a sexual harassment case against the US gov-ernment at an industrial tribunal Papers have been served on President Bill Clinton, who has faced sexual harassment

allegations himself.
Since the tribunal found in her favour four months ago, Ms Fogarty, who lives in east

A copy of the rese

Third World since 1981. The

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for Economic Cooperation

and Development (OECD).

only the US has a longer re-

cord of taking more money from the developing world

The figures will add to pres-

sure on the OECD member

states to relax repayment

schedules. The World Bank is

than it gives out.

She was sacked as administrative assistant with the Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS), a subsidiary of the CIA, while the man found to have harassed her is still on the staff.

The London (North) tribu nal's judgment, which was unpublicised, strongly criticises the way the case was handled. It concludes that the US government, acting through the FBIS, knew what was going on but failed to investigate properly.

The resulting stress, for which Ms Fogarty received medical treatment, affected

Compensation for the loss of her job, worth £17,000 a year with benefits, is to be decided. The tribunal accepted Ms

Fogarty's evidence that senior administrative assis tant Martin Thomas, aged 45, estive remarks to her, culmi nating in an incident in November or December 1993. soon after she started work, when he licked her ear and asked: "What's pink and likes

oral sex?" On other occasions, she claimed he asked her about being an Irish Catholic and whether she was a virgin; told her he liked "big girls" while

ately stood very close to her: and insisted on telling her about his sex life and those of

Ms Fogarty told the tribu-nal that Mr Thomas, a British employee who was assigned to train her, treated her coldly and avoided her after she complained to her American boss, James Thayer, in January 1994. Mr Thayer said in a state-

ment to the tribunal that he had only learned of the allega-tions a year later, but the tribunal accepted Ms Fogarty's

Ms Fogarty claimed Mr Thomas never trained her properly, was often out of the office, and treated her as a

possibility of more generous relief on a case by case basis.

'gofer." Despite her satisfactory ratings on earlier perforert Thompson, the American who took over from Mr to persuade her to leave.

He wrote negative perfor mance assessments and in February 1985 recommended her employment be terminated saying she was unable to work "agreeably" with Mr Thomas. Three weeks later, she claimed Mr Thompson marched her

out of the embassy. She was given another emtract at £14,000, but has not worked since the end of June. The tribunal criticised an FBIS in-house investigation into the harassment allega-

Ms Fogarty, who brought the case with the help of tions, set up more than a year after Ms Fogarty first com-plained to Mr Thayer, and North Lambeth Law Centre, only after she went to the acting ambassador, Tim Deal. ear had been licked she had felt "shocked and very embar-Catherine Danner, the FBIS employee who carried out the investigation, concluded that rassed because nobody had ever treated me like that

Ms Fogarty made her allegations only when her job was threatened, despite interviews with four people back-ing up her story that she had complained a year earlier. The report, which described a statement by another woman employee that

body to sort this out. I feel like I'm being treated like a second class citizen. If I was an American woman I feel I'd same thing to her as "trouble-some if true", concluded that differently."

the US government would de-fend the victimisation claim.

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Britain 'squeezing Third World debtors' Yeltsin surgeon seeks delay

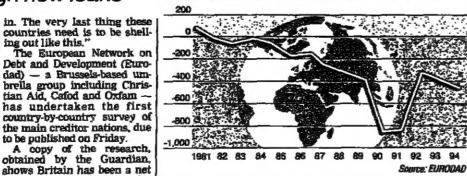
Repayment levels and export 'strings' outweigh new loans

RITAIN is squeezing cash out of the world's poorest countries by demanding levels of debt repayment which far outweigh new loans or aid, according to fig-ures to be published this

As representatives of the world's richest creditor nations meet in Paris today to discuss initiatives intended to reduce the debt burden on the developing world, aid agencies say the first comprehensive analysis of lender countries undermines the British government's claim to be at the forefront of the cam-paign to help the world's

A spokesperson for Chris-tian Aid said last night: "It is quite simply morally wrong that one of the world's richest countries should be getting more money out of the world's poorest than it puts relief before the bank's mouth is."

Blood from a stone



annual meeting in Washington next week, where a Brit-ish-backed package to help "heavily indebted poor countries" (HIPCs) will be on

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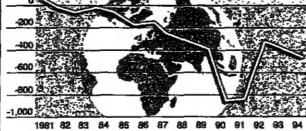
Clarke, is prepared to in-crease the slice of outstanding

loans which can be written off

now fixed at 67 per cent —

to 80 or 90 per cent. But a number of lenders, in particu-

lar Japan, have refused to offer anything more than the



An official at the Oversea Development Agency declined to comment on the cation, but insisted the British government had a good re-

The Christian Aid spokes-person said: "This study throws into stark relief just how much needs to be achieved in the next 10 days. Britain has a good record of taking the lead in negotia-tions, but in the end we have to put our money where our

An announcement on the HIPC initiative involving a trust fund to pay off debts is expected in Washington next week. The World Bank is lob-bying the OECD nations for a on cuts in bilateral debt. The bank has pledged \$2 billion to the HIPC initiative.

But officials point out that the eligibility criteria stipulate that only debt accumulated before any loan rescheduling is eligible for relief. This would rule out many of the world's poorest nations from significant assistance.

An internal World Bank paper Issued this month esti-mates that even with an 80 per cent cut-off, the eligibility rules mean that in practice only 17 per cent of bilateral debt could be written off. Christian Aid said that because many of the loans to

poor countries were condi-tional on the purchase of British goods, Britain gained twice over. "We benefit from the increased exports, and then again from the interest on the loans given to buy these exports."

David Hearst in Moscow

PRESIDENT Boris Yelt Sin may have to wait for up to two months before it is safe to operate on his heart, Professor Renat Akchurin, the Russian surgeon chosen to lead the oper ating team, said last night.

The surgeon's comments are bound to spark furious political intrigue, confirming as they do that Russia has a lame duck president who will have to hand over power at some point to the constitutional acting president, his prime minister, Viktor

Chernomyrdin.
A team of doctors is due to meet on Wednesday or Thurs-day to assess whether an operation can go ahead. A senior American cardiologist, Michael Debakey, flew from Washington to Moscow last night to take part in the

meeting.
The Russian doctor The Russian doctor stressed that his opinion on a long delay was a personal one. Speaking on the Russian television programme Itogi. he said the doctors may have to wait between "one and a Mr Yeltsin's heart is strong enough for the bypass

but warped "to be more cir-cumspect in his behaviour."

"This is a serious operation for the president. To do the operation earlier would increase the risk," Prof

He did not back away from his previous statements to Mr Yeltsin had suffered recent damage, indicating a heart attack during the final stages of his election campaign. He said Mr Yeltsin's heart

had to undergo intensive therapeutic treatment to assess the extent of the

He expressed doubt repeat-edly about the strains that the did not rule out cancelling it

altogether.
"It is possible to refuse to do the operation, although you would have to lay down conditions to the patient which he himself has said he would not tolerate. You would have to limit his physical activity, and as far as I know Boris Nikolayevich, he would

holds Prof Akchurin's opin ion and postpones the opera-tion, Mr Yeltsin has to decide whether to continue as head of state.

Last week he signed a de cree preparing to transfer all his powers, including control of Russia's nuclear arsenal, to Mr Chernomyrdin. But he left open when the transfer of power — requiring another decree to be signed — would

take place.

Mr Yeltsin will be under inense pressure from his chief of staff. Anatoli Chubais, and the clan of political advisers in his huge presidential administration, to keep hold of the reins of power. His own notitical instinct will tell him to hang on for as long as he

But the surgeon's revela-tions this weekend about the president's parlous state of health have already in effect doomed Mr Yeltsin's second term of presidency and restarted the race for his successor. As power ebbs away from his presidency, younger men are waiting to take over.

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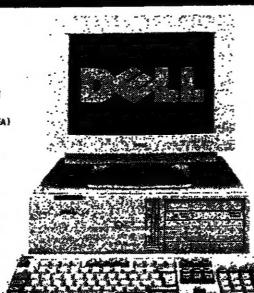
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As London Fashion Week kicks off today, Susannah Frankel celebrates a new wave of gifted home-grown designers, while Sarah Ryle (below right) checks out the shops side of the business as fashion gurus hail the capital's 'incredible energy' and prestige clothes outlets open by the street-full



London catwalks set to cash in on the hype

city on earth" according to the style gurus. Not only is London producing unparalleled talent, but it has become the hottest venue for the autumn catwalk season

which starts this week.
"We've been building up
London Fashion Week over the past few seasons," said Simon Ward, administrator for the British Fashion Council, which is behind the event And it is now very exciting. London has always been a centre for ideas, but we have a particularly rich crop of designers at the moment.

The excitement is not confined to the London shows British designer John Gal-liano is now the main man at Givenchy — and the "Queen of Punk" and grand-dame of British fashion, Vivienne Westwood, is a hot favourite less our young designers are

to take over at Christian Dior. The "real life" photography Juergen Teller. David I Simms, Corinne Day and plays, it won't work." Craig McDean is also some of the most sought after in the world; English aristocrat Stella Tennant is the new face of Chanel; and Croydon-born Kate Moss is still world fash-

Ward said that in the 1980s our young designers were too of sales are achieved as the page 4

funded to keep up with the hype they generated, but now are equipped to deal with it. "The new wave of designers have learned from his tory. They realise the busines

side is of prime importance." According to one insider, though, we should be optimis-

The talent here is unparalleled, but that doesn't equal financial success'

tic — but aware of potential pitfalls. "Our designers make for great pictures in magazines, but that won't bring money into the industry. Unprofessional and their clothes sell to the public rather than just making the window dis-

Award-winning design duo Pearce Fionda agreed. "Al-though the talent here is unparalleled, generating a great deal of interest in Britain and worldwide, it does not necessarily mean financial success "Nowhere near the amount

T'S the "most happening | inexperienced and under-| hype suggests. Britain is still city on earth" according to | funded to keep up with the | years behind other fashion

capitals in this respect."
For now though, the word is all good. Sponsorship from companies has never been so healthy, and top international buyers are taking the trouble to attend in person rather than just send assistants as they normally do. Even the standard of mod-

els is higher than usual. Where previously the more established names forsook London for the glamour of the Milan shows which start the week after, this year they are working in London too. Above all, the fact that

for the first time — there will be an American presence at the shows is a gauge of potential commercial as well as cre ative success.

Tommy Hilfiger, designer of heavily-logoed sports and casual wear — as worn by everyone from Bill Clinton to i Snood Doegy Dogg — is show ing his womenswear here for the first time. Donna Karan, America's biggest-selling fe-male designer, is also holding a shop-opening and show in her New Bond Street superstore to coincide with the event.

Prima Donna hits town: G2.



Chic store revival hits Bond Street

F THE revival of Bond Street is anything to go by, designer fashion is making a comeback in London. As fast as one builder's hoarding comes down to reveal the latest chic store, another hardboard shroud goes up elsewhere on the street.

Suddenly the traditional fashion houses such as Christian Dior and Hermes, which sat out the recession. are having to vie for attention with relative newcomers.

Donna Karan opened the doors to its first European store in New Bond Street last week (complementing its partner, the DKNY store, another recent arrival), and Calvin Klein is almost ready to open his shop next door to Fenwick. There is talk of another American newcomer. Tommy Hilfiger, making its British debut on Bond Street, bringing clothes worn in the United States by everybody from homeboys to President Bill Clinton.

Christian Dior is planning a second outlet, and Polo Ralph Lauren has announced a massive flagship store which will be its biggest in Europe.

Mr Lauren, speaking from New York, has noted the business potential of London. "There's an in-credible energy right now. ing Giorgio Armani's new white label store, Donna Karan and Calvin Klein. are operated by Christina Ong, the wife of a Singaporean hillionaire.

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A property specialist, Bakewell. said: "Property is beginning to move very quickly now, but much of this is down to one woman rather than because Lon-don is becoming a new fashion centre. Her investment in new shops across London in rents and rates alone must be £8.5 million. You would have to be confident of shifting an awful lot of designer jeans to reach that turnover, just to stand

William Drew. editor of FW (formerly Fashion Weekly). said that at least top designers now want a presence in Britain. "London is important, partly because it has a high profile as a tourist centre and the Americans see it as a way into the European market." An estimated 24 million visitors to London this year

are expected to spend £1.6 billion in the shops, accord-ing to Ylva French Communications, which monitors trends for the London Tourist Association. One in five tourists put fashion at the top of their shopping lists, with nearly half hoping to spend cash on general clothing and shoes. But London can never be

"The history and the culture of buying designer clothes is not here. People will buy designer labels, like Versace jeans, but they will not buy Versace

Big rise in untrained university teachers

John Carvel and Lee Elliot Major

NDERGRADUATES starting their first term at university over the next two weeks are increasingly likely to be taught by untrained postgraduate students earning as little as £3.75 an hour from cash-starved academic

Evidence to be published shortly by the Association of University Teachers shows college administrators are coping with the Government's decision to squeeze their budgets by enlisting PhD students, who can no longer rely on grants to fund their research.

More than 70 per cent of postgraduates giving tutori-als, laboratory classes and lectures said their suitability as teachers had never been formally assessed according to a survey which the union carried out with the National Union of Students (NUS) and National Postgraduate

Nearly 60 per cent were not trained in teaching methods and half of those who received instruction said the training was poor or below par. "There is widespread use of postgraduates as cheap teaching labour in universi-ties." said Ewan Gillon, general secretary of the National

Posigraduate Committee. They can get a notional rate of £15 an hour for tutorials or lectures, but in practice this falls to £3.75 after time spent on preparation and marking is taken into account.

Postgraduates often made extremely good teachers. They were well-informed, enthusiastic and could empathise with students far better than many older academics. But it is unacceptable that teach without training support and proper remunera-tion for their work." Mr Gil-

Gareth Roberts, chairman of the university vice-chancellors' committee, said last week that 2,000 staff teaching

jobs had been shed by institu tions under pressure from spending cuts announced last year. However, the committee had not yet investigated how far postgraduates were being drafted in to fill the gap.

"The union's survey is valuable in highlighting the degree to which undergraduates are relying on very young staff to carry the burden of day-to-day teaching. We have not yet addressed the problem of how far we are meeting the training needs of these postgraduate student/ teachers who are not offcially members of staff" a spokesman said

spokesman sam.

The survey was based on
233 postgraduates teaching on
450 first-degree courses.

Effective rates of pay are extremely low for the level of work involved, falling below the likely level of a minimum wage in some cases," says a late draft of the report. "It is far from unusual to find

70 per cent said their suitability as teachers had not been assessed

second year postgraduates teaching on final year undergraduate or masters courses having completed only two or three days training and that of questionable quality.

'Although we have no concrete evidence that the teaching of postgraduate students is of inadequate quality, the circumstances as described all militate against the possibility of good quality work." The NUS said it was against

the teaching of final year degree courses by postgradu ate students. The Association of University Teachers said first year undergraduate courses in

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many universities were taught exclusively by research students. It wants them to have clear conditions of employment, including prescribed teaching duties and

Schools avoid moral crusade

John Carvel Education Editor

HE Government's advisers on the school curriculum have beaten off attempts by Christian fundamentalists to get the virtues of lifelong marriage between heterosexual couples taught in every classroom.

A new moral code to guide teachers in the values they are expected to inculcate in the young will emphasise the importance of family life, but will avoid any prescription about the type of relationship between parents which society deems most appropriate. The draft code is due to be agreed by the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority tomorrow, and will be sent for wide consultation before being circulated to the

schools. Nicholas Tate, the authority's chief executive, set up a 150-strong forum in January to draw up guidelines for schools where staff were no longer certain about the moral values they were supposed to instil.

The National Forum for Values in Education and the of moral values with a greater Community included teachers, parents, police, journalists and specialists in social national moral curriculum. development and religion.

Officials said five of the 150
were representatives from

The guidelines will be tested on the public through a Mori opinion poll.

Christian groups who wanted children to get clear guidance that the proper family was headed by two heterosexuals living in lifelong partnership, with no sex before marriage and no infidelities during.

They were overruled by the other members, who said it was quite possible to contemplate marriages falling short of that ideal and wrong to stigmatise children who came

from other sorts of family.

The guidelines will say that the family is the natural context for developing a loving and growing relationship. with a deep and abiding sens of values, but they will not say what the family should consist of, accepting that there can be many forms of

good parenting. "Most schools have some form of values statement, but they do not necessarily go into this kind of detail. This is the first time anyone has tried to say there is general social support for a particular moral view." a spokesman for the authority said.

The authority was trying to produce "an umbrella state ment" within which schools could fix their own teaching degree of confidence. There would be no imposition of a

No wonder which makes it such a natural place to build on our existing retail presence by creating our largest inter-national store." it's called a hotline. Milan or Paris. according Donna Karan was equally to Mr Drew. gushing. "Every time I come to London I feel like I've arrived at the front door of Europe." Appearances, however, Make a quick call to TSB borrow before you go house THE TSB an be deceptive. In the MORTGAGE Bond Street enclave, most bunting. CHALLENGE

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Blair backs Commons ban on Adams press conference

Ewen MacAsidil, Chief Political Correspondent

ABLOCK on a visit by the Sinn Fein president, Gerry Adams, to the House of Commons this week has been welcomed by the Labour leader, Tony Blair.
Mr Adams had been due to

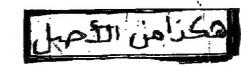
hold a press conference on Thursday to mark the launch of his autobiography. The Labour MP for Islington North. Jeremy Corbyn, had booked the room.

Although press conferences by senior members of Sinn Fein have been held at the Commons, the Serjeant at Arms, Peter Jennings, who is responsible for administra- press conference.

tion, ruled at the weekend that Mr Adams could not use the Commons. Mr Blair, who distanced himself from Mr Corbyn as soon as the row broke, condemned the plan to allow Mr Adams to use the

facilities.
Conservative back-bench ers had protested but had been unable to stop Mr Adams. The crucial intervention came from a Labour MP, Michael Martin, chairman of the Commons administrative committee, who pointed out to Mr Jennings that the origi-nal plan had been for a book launch, which could not be prevented because Mr Adams was a former MP, but that had since been changed to a





Euro and economic reality collide

Political commitment to a single currency | is the easy part. Ian Traynor and Larry Elliott report on the practical difficulties

Union official, was adamant yesterday that the most important decisions on the proposed single currency have been taken following the Dub-lin session of EU finance ministers which grappled with the minutiae of future common fiscal policy.

But for most of those countries eager to sign up for commitment is merely the easy part of a three-stage process. From now on, they have to get their economies into shape and win over their

Despite the upbeat mood in Dublin, Europe's sluggish economic performance during the 1990s has made hitting the Maastricht criteria for qualification for a single cur-rency much more difficult to

These stipulate that countries have to meet tar-gets for inflation, interest rates, exchange rates, government deficits and state debt. In 1991, when the treaty was signed, seven countries met

ERNER Hoyer, at least four out of five condi-Germany's key tions, and three other puta-tive members — Finland. Sweden and Austria — would have qualified as well.

By 1995, only five countries

— Germany. Luxembourg.

France, Ireland and Denmark - were on course to fulfil four of the five conditions. What's more, the outlook for 1996 is for even fewer countries to make the grade.

The problem has not been inflation, which has remained subdued, but the impact of slow growth on bud-get deficits and, as interest payments mount up, on government debt. As a result, increasingly frantic attempts have been made to find ways

of plugging the gaps.
France has tried a mixture of budget austerity, raiding the pension fund of France Telecom, and some highly optimistic forecasts of growth to ensure that it will be able to sign up when decision day

comes in early 1998. Belgium explains away the fact that its government debt is more than double the stipulated level by arguing that it little of its debt has to be ex-

ternally financed. Umberto Bossi's plan to divide Italy in two is partly driven by the no-tion that the richer, northern half would qualify for mone-tary union if it was unencum-

bered by the poor south.
It is these sort of manoeu vres — and the hope that it will be deemed good enough if countries are simply moving in the right direction - that fuel the belief in Brussels that at least eight countries will be

But it is not quite seen like that in Germany, where the debate in the months ahead will centre on the discrepancies between politics and economics, between Chancellor Helmut Kohl's government in Bonn and Hans Tietmeyer's Bundesbank in Frankfurt.

The political push to launch EMU willy-nilly on schedule in 1999 has gathered an unstoppable head of steam. But economic reality keeps getting in the way.
"Germans are very sensitive to the issue of whether

the euro could be instable and not solid." Mr Hoyer said yesterday. Opinion polls regularly show a two-thirds majority reluctant to forfeit the mark for the euro, while the Bundesbank, as the constitutional guardian of monetary stability, will find it hard to

The Germans are worried not so much about the EMU launch as to what happens afterwards. This was the reason for last year's proposal from Theo Waigel, the finance pact governing fiscal propri-ety after 1999.

The stability pact's nuances dominated the Dublin session. But as at last week's nance officials, there was no agreement on the details. Instead, the stability pact gets damned with faint praise.

In the interests of Bundes-bank rigour, the Germans want automatic fines within six months for members whose budget deficits exceed 3 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) once EMU is launched. The fines, initially non-interest bearing deposits with the European Central Bank, would be hefty, from 0.2 to 0.5 per cent of GDP. While warmabe EMU mem

bers pay lip-service to the merits of the German proposal, the stability pact de-tails are being diluted. It now looks as though there will be no "automatic-

ity" in levelling the fines, that the European Commission and national governments will have a say. In other words, the decision

to fine fiscal delinquents will swallow any scheme that be as much political as



European jigsaw...can Bundeshank caution, political will, and worker distrust be reconciled?

Tory civil war escalates as Clarke says it would be folly not to join

Ewen MacAskill, Chief **Political Correspondent**

THE battle lines in the Tory civil war hardened yesterday after the Chan-cellor, Kenneth Clarke.

est, it will be among the first wave of countries to join the single currency. It would be folly to be on the sidelines.

undermines that priority.

His comments pushed Conservative Euro-sceptics over the brink, with some

in Britain's national inter- to keep options open, the agreed government compromise, but was campaigning for a single currency. He has shattered any lin-

gering Conservative Central Office hopes of the issue being kept low key during next month's party Single currency

ment yet to the idea of a publicly calling for his resconference. Both sides are ignation. They said he was lining up meetings to put mr Clarke said that if it is no longer even pretending the case for and against.

Mr Clarke, apparently emboldened by the enthusiasm of the other finance ministers and tired of snip-ing by Euro-sceptics, said a single currency was now very likely. He predicted between six and eight countries would sign up in

a first wave around the

turn of the century.

other "grandees" to hit back in the face of goading from Euro-sceptics. "It's entirely a matter for them whether they speak out, but I can understand their feelings because The Chancellor unequivo-

cally backed the decision by Sir Edward Heath, Lord Howe, Douglas Hurd and usual rent-a-quote Eurosceptic MPs saying we should change our policy."

The Labour Party watched with glee from the sidelines. The shadow hancellor, Gordon Brown, said: "The Torles are at war every time I go near a Euro- again over Europe. This pean meeting ... every- will not go away for them.

thing I do is accompanied | They are irrevocably split by quotations from the and this is damaging Britain's interests in Europe. But Labour too has prob-lems with the single currency. On Thursday, a dozen Labour MPs are to put out a pamphlet in in response to an anti-European campaign by some

On Thursday, Baroness

Williams, darling of the cen-

Harman seeks to blunt Lib Castle's pension plea

Ewen MacAskill, Chief Political Correspondent

for pensioner couples by writ-

ing a warning letter to unions.
The issue is developing as
the main one around which
old Labour and New Labour will divide at the party's conference in Blackpool next week. In a letter to the leaders of the main unions, the shadow social services secretary, Harriet Harman, will claim that Baroness Castle's proposal could mean that 10 million people paying into occupational pension schemes would each have to pay an extra £550 a year because of

She will argue that most members of the big unions are in occupational schemes

and the leaders, by voting at conference for the Castle linto retirement." Occupa-plan, could be making their tional pensions meant that members £550 poorer. Lady HE Labour leadership Castle is at the head of a camwill try to blunt Barbara paign to restore the link be-Castle's campaign for an tween average earnings and

> ning union support. Ms Harman will soften her letter by saying the party had to make the poorest pensioners the priority, highlighting the 700,000 who fall below the poverty line. She will add that another reason for opposing the Castle plan is that the Labour leadership will not make promises it cannot keep. Ms Harman said on GMTV's Sunday programme yesterday: "I think what's happened over the years is that the gap between pension-

ers who are reasonably okay and those who are absolutely at the bottom has widened. "The earnings gap between the increate the richest and the poorest in very rich.

some pensioners nowadays were better off, she said.

"I don't think a flat rate inacross-the-board 28 increase the state pension, and is win sioner couple, which would go to Margaret and Denis Thatcher, is the right way of doing things. We need to prioritise those who have aleady been means-tested and those who actually fall through the net.'

Jack Jones, National Pen-sioners' Convention leader, who supports Lady Castle and who will be at the Labour conference, opposed Ms Harman's approach, saying means testing was costly. "The administration of that is something like 10p in the pound, 10 per cent as opposed to 1 per cent for the national pension." He wanted to fund the increase by taxing the

Dems target women

Michael White Political Editor

HE Liberal Democrats last night signalled their determination to maximise their votes among women when they unveiled a package of female-friendly policies. As party activists gathered in Brighton for their annual

assembly, Emma Nicholson, the backbench MP who defected from the Conservatives last Christmas, accused the Tories of dishonesty and Labour of a lack of courage, then told the pre-conference rally: "It was to the Liberal wise use of the state and a the Equal Pay and Sex Distinstance dinner ladies whose crimination Acts, including a pay is less than caretakers'.

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Bhutto dynasty mourns again

Ibrehim Khan in Larkana

political dynasty came toeekend at the family's anstral home in Larkana to pay their respects to Mur-taza, the Pakistani prime minister's brother, who was killed in a gun battle with police officers on Fri-day night.

Ris death has visibly shaken the prime minister. Benezir Bhutto, who ac-companied their mother. Nusrat, and another daughter, Sanam, in laying red roses on Murtaza's grave yesterday.

Bis Lebanese widow. Ghinwa, called on support ers to stay calm after they clashed with police yester-day near his house in Sind She urged them to wait

until a government inquiry completes its work. 'Even today people were raising slogans and I have asked them 'Let us curse the killers, but let us not take names now'," she said. Witnesses said the demonstrators prevented Presi-

dent Farooq Leghari from making a condolence visit to the house by chasing the police away as his motor-cade approached. They said about 250 sup-

porters of Murtaza blocked the road with burning tyres and chanted slogans accus-ing Benazir's husband, Asif Ali Zardari, of being part of a conspiracy to kill their

Murtaza, aged 42, was shot and killed with six of his followers in the clash with police in Karachi. Another of his supporters died of his wounds on Saturday.

A spokesman for his Pakistan People's Party-Shaheed Bhutto faction said it had no confidence in the high court judge appointed to head the inquiry, Ali Mohammed Baloch.

The spokesman claimed that yesterday the police shot dead a detained survivor of Friday's gun battle. He said the man, identified only as Asif, had been in the back of Murtaza's vehicle, but had escaped injury at the time

He added that the secu-3,000 party members in the Shahnawaz, who died in against its polit past few days. Karachi France in 1985, possibly nents.—Reuter.



Pakistan's prime minister. Benazir Bhutto, and members of her government offer prayers in Larkana for her estranged brother Murtaza, who was killed in a gun battle with police in Karachi on Friday night (below)

Murtaza was estranged from his older sister Benazir for much of his turbulent life. She inherited the leadership of the PPP from her father, the former prime minister Zulfikar All Bhutto, who was hanged in

Yesterday Nusrat Bhutto issued a statement saying Murtaza's death was part of a conspiracy against the family and denying reports that she had implicated Benazir and her husband.

"The vicious, malicious and unkindest remarks attributed to me are only designed to create confusion in the people's mind, with a view to diverting attention from the real culprits, whom the independent commission will identify." she said.

Nusrat lost another son,

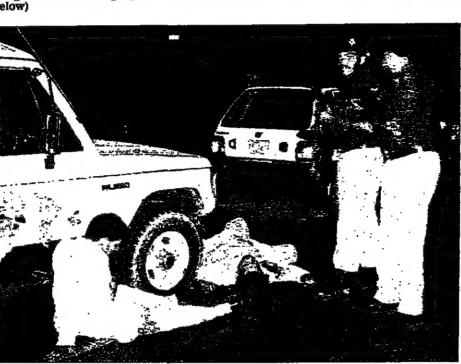
police confirmed only six after having been poisoned.

The PPP-Shaheed Bhutto faction accused Zardari. Benazir's husband, of engineering Murtaza's death. A statement issued yesterday by Zafar Arif, a member of its central committee, said Zardari had held secret talks with "criminal elements" in the security forces last week.
"The murder of Murtaza

Bhutto is the direct result of these conspiracies," it No comment was immediately furthcoming from Zardari, who is Pakistan's

investment minister. The police say Murtaza's guards fired first on Friday night, but opposition politi-cians dispute their account. Nawaz Sharif, the leader

of the main opposition Pakistan Muslim League, has accused the governagainst its political oppo-



Workers rush to quit Gulf

HUGE exodus of Asian labourers from the United Arab Emirates is building up this week, predicted to reach 300,000 before the security forces are expected to enforce the government's September 30 deadline for illegal workers to leave of the

Tens of thousands are queueing daily for exit visas and assistance at the embas-sies of India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh, Some Filipino and Arab workers are also going. About 1.8 million foreigners

work in the Emirates, making up 85 per cent of the

The Indian embassy has al-ready arranged exit visas for 40.000 of the 60,000 of its nationals who have been working without official permission in the UAE.

Attempts are being made to arrange extra flights to the four main south Asian countries affected. Ferries will take some people by sea to Junagar, an Indian coastal town near Bombay.

During the weekend, men like Gamba Ram, an unskilled labourer, were filing off flights from Dubai. "Everybody had to come out, because staying in the

country would have caused more problems," he said. "Even though we didn't have any money we came somehow. Some of us even borrowed money to buy our tickets. We faced some diffi-

the rules of that country."
The deadline was set two months ago, but many illegals delayed their departures until the last few days before the deadline because they could not afford tickets or hoped the government would change its

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After September 30, anyone without legal papers faces de-portation, and their employers become liable to stiff fines and possibly jail.

"It's mainly the illegal slave labour that's being thrown out," an expatriate resident of the Emirates said. "The people who came on boats illegally, the people who absconded from their employers - they can now leave with no fines, and no ques-

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eigners living in the UAE will have to leave or be forced out. So far 120,000 "outpasses" past enterench

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Half of India's migrant workers come from the southwest state of Kerala, where there are plans to establish a \$196 million rehabilitation programme for those returnprogramme for mose returning home.

The Bangladeshi government says the 30,000 people it expects home will have to fend for themselves, but it has asked the national airline to

put on extra flights.

"The government has no plan as such to bely or compensate the returnees," the foreign minister. Abdus

Samad Azad, said at the weekend.
The Philippines and Sri
Lanka both foresee about
10,000 of their citizens, mostly
maids, being ruled illegal in

the UAE. People from Asia flocked to

'It is mainly the illegal slave labour which is being thrown out

the Gulf in the early 1970s when the oil boom be They were cheap and the UAR turned a blind eye to illegals benefiting from their con-struction of pipelines, refineries, roads and hospitals

Construction costs are expected to rise by 10-20 per cent as a result of the crackdown which is partly due to moderate oil prices but also reflects the UAE government's concern at local anger that tionals remain unemployed even though Gulf Arabs are unwilling to do labouring

Recently there have been attacks on Asians in nearby Bahrain, where unemployment is high.

"They're scared of what's happening in Bahrain and don't want a repetition here." a Dubai source said.

Bahrain detained a Reuter

correspondent for more than 24 hours for questioning about a story he wrote on the political situation in the Gulf state. Abbas Salman, aged 🕏 a Bahraini, was summon the interior ministry on Seturday morning and released without charge on Sunday

News in brief

Kenya arrests

Kenya has arrested an exiled Rwandan Hutu businessman suspected of being involved in Rwanda's 1994 genocide of up to one million Tutsis and moderate Hutus, state radio and a Rwandan refugee leader, Innocent Butare, said

on Saturday.
The arrest on Friday of Obeid Ruzindana was the first by Kenya, considered by Rwanda's new Tutsi-led gov-ernment to be a haven for Hutu refugees. — Reuter.

Poli result delay The Organisation for Security

and Co-operation in Europe has postponed its announcement of the outcome of the Bosnian election, which was due on Saturday, for at least a Saudi beheadings

Saudi Arabia beheaded four

Nigerian men in Mecca yes-terday for robbing a jewellery store, Saudi state television reported. The beheadings are the first this year for a theft

case. - Reuter.

Macau ballot Macau's last legislative elec-tions under Portuguese rule began yesterday. The terri-

Netanyahu buoyant on Rwandan exile hardline peace policy

HE Israeli prime minister, Binyamin Netan-yahu, will bring to Europe this week a message of good cheer about a Middle East peace process which everyone else thinks has

His buoyant mood came over clearly when he briefed European correspondents before his trip to London, Paris and Bonn.

"I am committed to these negotiations," he said. "I am committed to achieving a negotiated peace with the Palestinians, and with the Syrians, and those who doubt our serious intent are going to be con-tinually confounded."

Having shaken the hand of the Palestinian National Authority president, Yasser Ara-fat, and set in motion a mechanism of steering committees procedural meetings and talks about talks, Mr Netan-yahu clearly feels that events have justified his hardline stand on security, Jerusalem, tory reverts to China in the Golan Heights and the ex-

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The PM is heading for Europe with tales of | doned the limited but painfully achieved progress made victory, writes **Derek Brown** in Jerusalem in the occupied territories. On the face of it, Mr Netanyahu is indeed winning his campaign to re-focus peace talks on Israeli security

rather than on the concept of

land for peace, which was the

nain thrust of the previous,

Labour-led, government's Mr Arafat has had to bow to the new reality, ordering the closure of two Palestinian offices in Jerusalem and maintaining repressive tactics against potentially violent op-

position groups. He has railed against is raeli proposals to build thou-sands of new homes for Jewish settlers in the West Bank, but he has little practical hope of blocking them. He has complained about Israeli violations of the existing peace accords, but knows that the rules have been re-written and that he has no option but to play by them.

Even under these circum-stances Mr Arafat has been nothing but courteous. Yesterday, on the eve of Yom Kippur, he called Mr Netanyahu to wish him Shana Tova: a

Happy New Year. Mr Netanyahu has no apparent constraints. Washing-ton has shown mild concern about settlement expansion, but with the presidential election looming there is little possibility of intervention. Arab countries have criti-cised the new approach to peace, but have few ways to express their alarm, except to criticise Mr Arafat. On the Syrian front, Mr Netanyahu has simply abaninstitution in Jerusalem.

and is proposing to restart ne-

gotiations from scratch.
In recent weeks Damascus has responded by redeploying large numbers of troops close to the de-facto Israeli border, but even the threat of war. has been brushed aside by the Israeli government.

In short, the peace process has been drastically re-cast by the Israeli right, and Mr Netanyahu has abandoned or mitments he inherited from the previous government. Israeli troop redeploymen

in the flashpoint West Bank town of Hebron, where some midst of 100,000 Palestinians, has been postponed. The gov ernment now says it wants to renegotiate the terms. The transfer of day-to-day

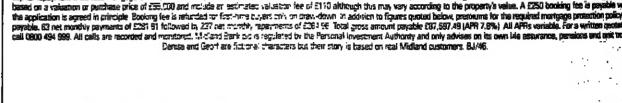
security in Palestinian areas of the West Bank to the Palestinian Authority has not of women prisoners and other categories of political detainees. Moreover, the system of safe passage between the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, first promised three

years ago, has not yet been implemented and negotiations on Jerusalem, refugee settlements and borders, have During Mr Netanyahu's trip, which will mark his first 100 days in office, Europe will be left in no doubt about the new limits on peacemaking. The prime minister told reporters that in future he

will not meet any European visitor who also visits Orient

that just 20 years ago, around

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It is hard to believe, given today's magazine straplines, two-thirds of women were considered sexually frigid. The legacy of Shere Hite

e Guardian .

Echoes of the past end Pope's French visit

Alex Duval Smith in Paris

HE Pope left France terday at the end of his controversial four-day visit, his departure marked by a low key final demonstra-

tion of protest.
Up to 10,000 gathered in Up to 10,000 gathered in Paris to condemn the "return to moral order" with which the papal visit had, in some minds, been associated.

On the final and most contentious day of his tour, the Pope travelled to Reims to commemorate before 200,000 people the baptism in 496 of King Clovis, the first western European leader to convert to

European leader to convert to Roman Catholicism. But in his homily at a military base, the frail 76-year-old pontiff avoided describing france as the "elder daughter of the Church" — a title cherished by nationalists and religious traditionalists in gious traditionalists in a country which is 80 per cent

Roman Catholic.
Instead, he called Clovis's christening a "great baptismal jubilee". The Pope told the congregation: "It gives you an opportunity to reflect on the gifts which you have received and on the responsibilities which flow from them. It should also lead you to review the vast spiritual history of the soul of France."

In Paris, demonstrators— Roman Catholic.

In Paris, demonstrators ranging from feminists to an-archists and the traditionally leftwing French freemasons
— denounced official funding
of the papal visit. They said it
conflicted with France's secular ideals, established in 1905 when Church and state where

constitutionally separated. Nicole Baruth, a retired teacher, said: "We want a tolerant republic, for all religions, not one with echoes of the divine right of kings. This

in Moscow

sia's official news agencies yesterday about a Russian

surgeon's assertion that President Boris Yeltsin had had an undisclosed heart attack

and that a heart bypass opera-tion on him would probably have to be postponed.

Mr Yeltsin's daughter Tatiana Djachenko said in an interview on Russian televi-

sion that the operation would go ahead and that it "will be done by our surgeons".

Having admitted that he would be a "passive" or lameduck president without heart surgery, Mr Yeltsin is rapidly running out of options

surgery, Mr Yeltsin is rapidly running out of options — including political ones.

As he lies in the Central Clinical Hospital, a clutch of ambitious politicians are hovering, all waiting for his death or his resignation.

And his electorate — facing

And his electorate — facing another winter of economic misery — will feel cheated by

misery — will feel chested by the cover-up of an apparent third heart attack during a key stage of July's elections. The disclosure was made by Professor Renat Akchurin, the cardiac surgeon nomi-nated to lead the team con-ducting the operation. He said

nated to lead the team conducting the operation. He said he had found scarring on the heart which clearly indicated a heart attack in late June or early July — just before the second round of elections.

Making it clear that he had spoken out of self-preservation, Prof Akchurin said: "The most likely [outcome] is that the operation will be

Rivals hover amid

silence on Yeltsin

News of a third heart
attack intensifies the
war for power, finds

David Hearst

in Moscowy

cian, Dr Sergei Mironov, insisted that preparations for the operation were going ahead "normally". Speaking on the independent Radio Echo Moskvi, he blamed journalists for starting a panic and said everything would be decided by a comprision of

HERE was complete silence, reminiscent of Soviet days, on all Russia's official news agencies resterday about a Russian surgeon's assertion that Pressurgeon's as

state, has undermined secular ideals which are just beginning to be understood."

Other demonstrators, who included Protestants and campaigners against campaigners against racism.
denounced Vatican teachings.
They released inflated condoms, and chanted: "If only the Virgin Mary had known about abortion."
One placard coheirs.

about abortion."

One placard, echoing rumours about the Pope's health, said: "The Pope has cancer, God exists!"

Benoit Gauchard, chairman of David & Jonathan, an influential gay and lesbian Christian group, said he felt the protests had been successful. He said: "The clergy distanced itself from statements about Clovis from Jean-Marie Le Pen [the leader of the farright National Front] and tried very hard to include all Catholics in the Catholics in celebrations."

But the meeting on Saturday in Tours between the Pope and 200 "injured of life" - immigrants, homosexuals.

homeless, unemployed and handicapped people — had been disappointing, he said.

"The Pope shook hands with the 'religiously-correct' guests, like old ladies, but an Aids sufferer who had been promised an audience was promised an audience was urned away.

Many of the demonstrators in Paris were not attached to

organisations. Emma Filoche and Les Heldman, both aged 17, con-ceded that the Pope had vis-ited France three times under the former Socialist president François Mitterrand without raising eyebrows.

"It is different now because so much has been made of Clovis, as if that ancient king represents us. But it's the Revolution and all that hapthe divine right of kings. This pened after it which repre-papel visit, endorsed by the sents modern France."

> decided by a commission of doctors meeting this week.
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take up starting positions in a presidential campaign will

very soon realise that they have jumped the gun."

His comments were in-tended as much for the politi-cians in power as for those,

including the Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov, in opposition. Last week Mr

Yeltsin prepared the ground for handing over all his pow-ers, including control over the nuclear button, to his prime minister, Viktor Cher-

'Here, a surgeon does not jump off a plane without

cree needs to be signed before the transfer can be activated.

Mr Chernomyrdin has taken a leading Communist, Aman Tuleyev, into his cabinet as minister for the CIS countries, and has held talks

Mr Zyuganov has supported Mr Chernomyrdin in a debate about handing all Mr Yelt-sin's power over to the head of the government. Their co-

operation has fed speculation that they are preparing a pact to see off the nationalist for-

weight has increased, because his party largely controls the

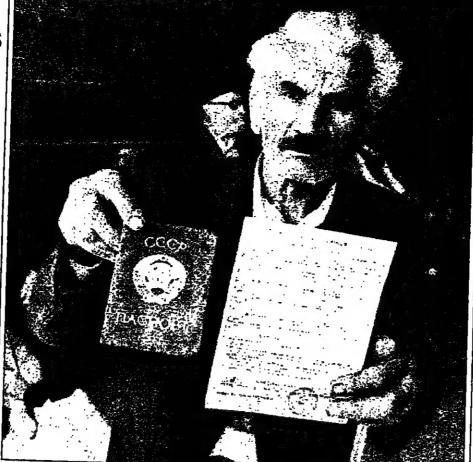
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with Mr Zyuganov.

"The most likely [outcome] is that the operation will be postponed. In effect, if the risks are high, no one will want to take the chance. Here, as in France and in the United States, a surgeon does not jump off a plane without a parachute."

The presidential press



A pensioner shows his Soviet passport, required to vote in yesterday's presidential elections in Armenia. The opposition leader, Vazgen Manukyan, and his National Democratic Union alleged fraud in favour of the president, Ter-Petrosyan JOHN HOLLIHAN

Greek opposition leader quits after conceding defeat Close race ends in victory for Pasok

Helena Smith in Athens

HE Greek Socialist party Pasok held on to power last night in a race against the main opposi-tion New Democracy Party.

After early exit polls gave the Socialists, led by the prime minister Costas Simi-tics about 42 per cont of the

prime minister Costas Simitis, about 42 per cent of the vote, the opposition conservatives conceded defeat.

Miltiades Evert announced that he was resigning from the leadership of New Democracy.

If the exit polls are confirmed the Simita with the similar to the confirmed the Similar with the similar to the similar than the sim firmed, Mr Simitis will have more than 159 deputies in the 300-seat parliament — down from the present 170 seats, but still with an absolute

In the month-long cam-paign, Greeks expressed dis-affection with the main parties and an unprecedented number of first-time voters told pollsters that they would cast blank "protest" ballots. The percentage of spoiled bal-lots was not known last night. The death in June of the

previous prime minister, Andreas Papandreou, made yesterday's election the first without one of the political giants who have controlled Greece since its independence

from Turkey in 1833.

"This is the first time Pasok has won a national victory without Andreas Papandreou," said his son. George.

Mr Simitis replaced Papandreou as Pasok leader in January after openly challensing. uary after openly challenging his style and views. Since then he has emerged as one of Greece's most popular politicans cans, winning praise for his

reform programmes. A former commercial law professor, aged 60, Mr Simitis called the election a year early, seeking a new mandate to consolidate his power and press ahead with domestic and foreign policy decisions.

The election, aides said, was his biggest political gamble since he helped found Pasok from an anti-junta resis. A former commercial law

sok from an anti-junta resis-tance group in 1974.

But while his determina-tion to transform Greece into

a modern European Union state has been welcomed, his

lacklustre campaign performance often seemed to alien-

ate supporters.

After decades of being treated to the rousing speeches of Papandreou, voters found Mr Simitis disconcertingly deadpan and many appeared ready to support the smaller parties.

Analysts said they expected Dikkl, a populist socialist splinter group set up earlier this year, to take some votes from Pasok.

In another twist to the elec-

In another twist to the elec-tion. Mr Evert, a former Athens mayor, shamelessly plun-dered Pasok's electoral tricks. While Mr Simitis spoke of the need to rein in the enormous budget deficit, Mr Evert adopted a populist platform of costly promises.

With 20 per cent of voters undecided on the eve of the poll. Mr Simitis tried to win support by invoking Papandrous's mamora. dreou's memory.

Certainly. Pasok's victory has not been without the help of the aura of Papandreou, with whom Mr Simitis so publicly clashed before becoming his successor.

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parachute."

The presidential press office issued no statements and a spokesman said only only that Prof Akchurin's comments had been distributed "to all the people concerned".

It is a fine atening a financial crisis, Mr Zyuganov's political weight has increased, because his party largely controls the State Duma.

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Solid in the centre

But LibDems must take sides

IF A STUDY of the opinion polls held the key to the state of the Liberal Democrats, then the party would be gathering in gloom at Brighton this week. Yesterday's NOP poll showed Paddy Ashdown's party stuck on an underwhelming 14 points, while Labour consolidated a massively consistent lead over the Conservatives. At such a short distance from the general election, that ought to be an extremely sobering rating for the third party, since it implies that Mr Ashdown will be hard put to keep all of his 25 current colleagues in the next Parliament, relegating the Liberal Democrats to yet another period as ephemeral also-rans — albeit this time under Labour rather than the Conservatives.

Yet are they downhearted? Not a bit of it. The actual mood in which the Liberal Democrats are gathering is far from glum. The party may no longer dream of outright victory in the general election, as its predecessors did fleetingly before the 1983 contest. But the realisation that Mr Ashdown will not next spring be appointing the first Liberal Democrat cabinet since Lloyd George has done little to puncture his party's selfbelief. The goals for 1997 have been scaled down compared with 1983. And yet the Liberal Democrats are right to sense that the coming general election could at last consolidate them as a powerful national party - an achievement which has consistently eluded the party and its predecessors for more than 70 years.

The underlying reason for this confidence is ideological. However fuzzy the Liberal Democrats may some times seem and be, they have managed to steer a relatively consistent course through the political tempests of the Thatcherite revolution and their aftermath. They have always managed to present themselves as more socially concerned than the Conservatives and less threatening than Labour, with the result that they have always been, whether they like it or not, the centre party. But in the last decade, especially under Mr Ashdown's command, the party has managed to redefine its traditional preoccupations in a more radical manner. While the Conservatives have moved hysterically to the right, dragging an electorally pragmatic Labour Party with them, the Liberal Democrats have seemed increasingly to be the party of secure and tested radical principles - on international questions, the law and order agenda, electoral and institutional reform and especially on the environment. More than either of the other two parties, the Liberal Democrats can claim to have been vindicated by the events of the 1980s and

1990s. Let us hope that they do not waver on them now. And yet the Liberal Democrats are more than ever the third party in our national politics. The electoral reality of the coming months is that their role is to win seats, especially in the south-west, that Tony Blair's Labour Party cannot manage to capture. They have, as one columnist put it yesterday, the progressive franchise in these parts of the country and their contribution has to be seen in that essentially tactical context. The Liberal Democrats will spend many of the coming days indignantly denouncing Mr Blair and differentiating themselves from Labour. Yet they should not be too self-righteous. Mr Blair is not beyond criticism, but be is the best thing that has happened to them in years. When the time comes next spring, their party and his must be on the same side in driving out the Conservatives and rebuilding our battered society.

Fairer for poor pupils So why does the Old Left rubbish it?

ONCE UPON a time a long long period ago, a Labour government struggled to create a fairer system of education for people aged 16 to 18. It rightly concluded the existing system was random, chaotic, unfair lagging hopelessly behind our main competitors. One reason why Britain in the 1970s had the lowest staying on rates of almost all European states was the inadequate help which low income families received if their children remained in fulltime education. Only a tiny proportion was given education maintenance allowances and even then, allowances were set at a miserable level. A determined Education Secretary called Shirley Williams tried to persuade the cabinet to introduce a national system of allowances. She failed. To their shame, her Labour cabinet colleagues who had spending plans of their own vetoed it. Two decades on, New Labour has produced something new: a well-designed plan to keep more poor pupils in fulltime education only to be berated by Tory, Liberal Democrat and Old

Labour followers. Britain's post-16 education remains random, chaotic and unfair. Fewer young people stay on in fulltime education than in any major industrial country except Turkey. There is a huge drop out with both France and Germany having half as many again in fulltime education by 18. Perverse incentives suck 170,000 into youth training schemes where half do not finish the course and of those that do, one-third get no qualification. Only three out of every 100 pupils receive education maintenance allowances and then only an average of £7 a week. Is it any wonder so many pupils from poor homes turn to no hope youth training schemes paying £35-a

week allowances rather than stay on for the sixth form? Sensibly, Labour is restructuring this system. Youth training — against which the last Dearing report inveighed — will be scrapped. There will only be two education ladders for post-16 pupils - work-based or fulltime in school or college. Middle and low income families who keep their children in fulltime education will be rewarded. There will be a basic education maintenance allowance plus a special increment for poor families. Belatedly, the perverse incentives which have entrenched educational inequality will be tackled. Here is a rare example of New Labour being ready to redistribute from the better-off to the poor but Labour's Old Left and the silly Liberal Democrat spokeswoman both complain. Why? Because Labour will finance this scheme through pooling and then redistributing £650 million of post-16 child benefit, £500 million youth training grants, and £11 million education maintenance allowances. New Labour is right - its critics wrong and reactionary. Child benefit is not universal beyond 16. Only 50 per cent of families receive it. Mothers with unemployed children do not get it; the better off with children in sixth form do. Labour would be re-directing money from those who don't need it to those who do. Reformers should be embracing the principle, not joining the Tories in rejecting it.



Letters to the Editor

Justice went overboard

choice of words used by both Kevin Maxwell and Mr Justice Buckley in justifying the former's acquittal by the latter (Maxwell goes free. eptember 30).

I am a Mirror Group pen-sioner. I took early retire-ment after over 26 years as a staff photographer in order to nurse my dying wife and care for our children. Under the chapel house agreement my ervice entitled me to some £47,500, but since Robert Maxwell, as part of his asset-stripping programme, chose to repudiate this agreement, he kept 80 per cent of that. I sometimes think of how much more use it would have been

If Mr Justice Buckley had had the chance to see with what fortitude my late wife bore the pain of her illness and the misery of leaving her family so early, he might have felt that the Maxwell family, with their legal interests protected by some £20

and decency" and were, therefore, rather less deserving of his all-important sympathy. Terry Rand. Falloden Way.

London NW11.

RECALL Mrs Maxwell's distress during the previous trial, when several newspapers (including yours) obligingly published lengthy interviews with her. She was pictured gamely hanging up laundry from the ceiling of the barn in which the family was living, pointing out that, far from being rich, her husband was dependent on legal aid to meet his defence costs. Immediately after the acquittal, however, the rejoicing Maxwells sped off to a mansion provided by her wealthy

None of this would matter, suppose, if the present deci-sion set a humane precedent families would be distressed

to show once more that rich, successful people have noth-ing to fear from the justice system, especially if, like Kevin Maxwell, and Jeffrey Archer before him, they have personable wives. Peter Close. 8 Stannard Road, London E8 1DB.

SEVERAL members of the Maxwell fraud jury were in the public gallery to hear Mr Justice Buckley "vindi-cate" their verdict in the first trial. This shows an obsessive interest, given that they had said originally that they had neither seen nor heard of Robert Maxwell.

Do we want such people de-termining cases like this in future? Tony Boram. Chairman, Association of Mirror Pensioners. Bridge House,

27 Court Street. Nayland,

Colchester CO6 4JL

AM sure I cannot be alone in being dismayed at the aid, offered a greater — in his choice of words used by words — "affront to fair play onment. In fact, all it does is the situation (Leader, September 20). I cannot see the ius tice in someone accused of a white collar crime having the privilege of a jury composed of the type of men and women he would encounter every day. It would engender sym-pathy and understanding of his plight and may encourage perverse verdicts.

It could equally be argued that if a policeman were charged with perjury and perverting the course of justice, he would be entitled to a jury of policemen so that he could be judged by people who understood the culture in which he operated. John Thompson. 29 West Street, Newport NP9 4DD.

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Sorting out labels for the launch of the party conference circuit

ALEX Carlile is quite right tion. I will therefore have to vote for the Liberal (Bye bye Sword, 20 September) — but he appears Peter Shield. somewhat confused about the nature of his own party, the Liberal Democrats. He says: "Running through the veins of our conference ... will be modern Liberalism". I wonder if Shirley Williams, Charles Kennedy and other social iemocrats would agree!

Nigel Ashton. Secretary General. Liberal Party. la Pine Grove. Southport. Lancashire PR9 9AQ.

ALEX Carlile has cryst-alised my thoughts on New Labour. I have voted Labour for the past 43 years but now Labour is apparantly no longer socialist and the spectacle of Tony Blair turning like a weather-vane to catch every puff of electoral advantage is not edifying. I am faced with the choice of a 20 Willerby Road. Woodthorpe, Nottingham NG5 4PB.

OUR reporter remarks that "the legalisation of cannabis" is not "Lib Dem policy" (Mawhinney makes play for 'soft' Lih Dem sup-port, September 21). Had he ment, he would have seen that the September 1994 Liberal Democrat Party confer ence voted to decriminalis cannabis.

He would also have been reminded that an internal Liberal Democrat assessmen of the party's weakn leaked earlier this year, had identified one of these as the fact that the "Lib Dems would legalise drugs". (Dr) Julian Lewis.

Deputy Director, Conservative Research Dept 32 Smith Square, opportunist centrist party 32 Smith Square, and a centrist party of convic- London SW1P 3HH

Excess licence

ASPECTS of the funding of the BBC are inappropriate in this day and age: it is funded directly by licence holders and not from general taxes. In this sense the BBC is as the gas and water utilities in that the user pays direct to

the provider.

However, whereas the utilities can only use the civil law to deal with those who do no pay their dues, the BBC through its collection agency TV Licensing, is likely to initi ate proceedings in the criminal courts.

Fail to pay your water or lectric bill and you may find yourself in the county court and ordered to pay off your debt — but at a rate you can afford. Get caught without a TV licence and you will proba bly end up with a fine — or a period in prison if you can't pay — and a criminal conviction.

We wouldn't tolerate a water company using public funds to imprison payment defaulters so why do we still accept it for the BBC? Tim Todd.

T CONCEN-ABOUSHED.

Factory farms' poor harvest

PRINCE Charles (Prince | profitability, it is clearly damhits at farming's 'unnatu-ral methods', September 20) is right to point out the links between poor food quality. BSE and factory farming. Keeping thousands of animals together in a confined space helps to spread disease, pre-cludes natural behaviour pat-terns and causes problems with the disposal of slurry.

Factory farming is sup-posed to be more economic because it requires less land and fewer workers. However, the EU is now paying farmers not to use some land for agricultural purposes (set aside) because of surplus capacity, and while employing fewer address, even on e-mailed people may benefit a farm's letters, and a telephone number.

aging to unemployed farm workers and to the rural economy in general. Further-more intensive farming uses more fuel energy than free range systems.

The EU should set a date for the ending of factory farming and start the change by using the Common Agricultura Policy budget to subsidise or-ganic and other extensive farming systems. Richard Mountford. 76 Springfield Road. Kings Heath. Birmingham B14 7DY.

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At this rate...

THOSE who advocate link ing the national non-domestic rating system to firms' turnover (Torles urged to make big firms pay more rates. September 171 are miss-ing the point. The priority should be to remove the inequalities from the present system to create a level playing field for all businesses. At the last revaluation in

1995, London firms saw their properties decrease in value, yet they are denied a corresponding reduction in their rates bills by the current phasing arrangements imposed by the Government. As a result, there are areas in London where rates are higher than rents, buildings are standing empty, and it is more expento refurbish an existing building than it is to knock it down and build a new one. The Government should use the next Budget to abolish, or at the very least speed up, the phasing Simon Sperryn.

Chief Executive. London Chamber of Commerce and Industry. 33 Queen Street, London EC4R 1AP.

A Country Diary

CLEY MARSHES: Although | whole fish back up, catch and scientists would disapprove. | manoguvre it in their bill, so the behaviour of some birds seems so gloriously characterful I can't resist anthropomor-phic interpretations. The classic examples are the cormorants at this Norfolk

Wildlife Trust reserve. These seabirds have made one of the man-made islands their favourite hang-out, spending large parts of the day preening bird fires out a jet of guano and sleeping off heavy fish with all the exaggerated meals, and reminding me for relish of a naughty schoolboy. all the world of a bunch of loating hooligans. Although a have to go through a simi-cormorant can look very larly deliberate routine, wad-smart with its silvery crest dling over the shingle with and glossy green-black breeding plumage, these Ciey birds ously at the air. Gradually all are mainly immatures. At this this untidy effort resolves age they're only a dull black-brown. The underparts are an equally undistinguished dirty though on occasions cormowhite irregularly invaded by oily yellow. With the loose skin of their throat pouch, their hooked beaks and green reptilian eyes, cormorants always look faintly vulgar. They often stand head back, legs apart and mouth wide open with their latest catch clearly visible in the distended throat. Occasionally they vomit the

they can then re-swallow i more comfortably. This is often followed by the comomance. The big webbed feet are thrust sideways with the ritual solemnity of a sumo wrestler. Then the tail is raised slowly until it achieves a vertical position, when the heavy wings hammering fur-ously at the air. Gradually all rants in flight can assume a certain beraldic beauty. At dusk, the Norfolk birds go to roost en masse on the mos inaccessible sandbars and flats, moving overhead in long formations until their arrow-like silhouettes merge with the wider, softer darkness of the evening sky.

MARK COCKER

Tax the rich and splash out on the poor

Endpiece

Roy Hattersley

cusation. But all the evi-dence suggests that John Major wrote the "taxation is immoral" speech himself. It was certainly written in his style — not inimitable, but unlikely to be imitated by anyone who has a feeling for the English language. The key sentence — "Is it moral to compulsorily take so much tax from people?" — contains a split infinitive compounded by a redundant adverb. If a levy is not compulsory, it is

There followed a second question which was presum-ably intended to strengthen the initial argument. It suc-ceeded in emphasising the Prime Minister's immunity to syntax. "Is it moral to impose obligations on employers like the Social Chapter?" Clearly employers like the Social Chapter are close relatives of an Irishman with one eye called Pat.

plain about in the Prime Min-

a two-stroke engine with of a system that leaves the dirty plugs and point. The substance was as crass as the style. When a man writes to the Inland Revenue with the complaint that his tax code evidently absurd." But at makes no allowance for his liabilities, he can legitimately claim that he is paying too much tax. But what on earth does that judgment mean when it is applied to a whole nation? Did John Major mean that everybody in Britain is paying too much? Was his concern just for the rich, or (more improbably) just for the poor? How is too much tax defined? Was he saying that existing public services could be financed at a lower cost or that some services - which he thought it prudent not to specify — should be cut in order to reduce the standard

There is a theory which argues that any tax is too much tax and tries to dress up the greed of high earners to look like political (if not moral) philosophy. Frederick von Hayek insisted that "agree-ments by the majority on sharing the booty gained by

least Hayek accepts by impli-cation the point which John Major does not dare to con cede. It is impossible rationally to discuss the level of taxes without also consider ing the quality of the public services which they finance.
All that the Prime Minister

hoped to achieve with his pathetically inadequate rhetorical question was a flimsy justification for the tax cuts which the government will make in November without the slightest regard for the economic or social conse-quences of their decision. He would like the nation to be-lieve that tax cuts - right in themselves — are unrelated to government spending on

essential services.

He hoped to plant a corrupt little idea in simple minds. And, to my annoyance, he was more or less allowed to get away with it. The official rebuttal was little more than overwhelming a minority of a debating point. He was not fellow-citizens and deciding in a position to preach such a

for making the tongue that | is not democracy". But even | ment which he now leads has | Shakespeare spake sound like | he does not defend the ethics | increased taxes 22 times in 17 years. Somebody should have told him that the text was wrong. Nobody, to use the dafest political phrase of the decade. "taxes for taxation sake". The Prime Minister's enquiries about political mo-rality should have been answered by a series of other

Is it moral to allow patients

He hoped to plant a corrupt little idea in simple minds and he got away with it

vice cannot provide the right treatment at the right time? Is it moral to force millions of families to live in poverty be-cause payments under our present welfare system often fail to meet basic needs? Is it moral to expect the mentally sick to wander the streets because so-called "care in the community" saves money, whether the community cares

the arbitrary limits imposed quences of that aspiration. on education spending? Tax-ation — whether it was on gin in the 19th century or capital gains in the 20th — has a purpose. As well as regulating the economy and discouraging undesirable activities, it is the way in which we

finance essential public Unless the Labour Party begins to argue the case for pub-lic expenditure, the general election is going to turn into a Dutch auction which Tony

Dutch auction which Tony Blair cannot win. Yesterday's headlines — "Nervous Labour says £100,000 isn't rich" and "Front bench rebels tell Blair to raise taxes on top earners" — confirm that the argument will go on right up to polling day. And continued refusal even to contemplate increasing the top rate will appear either devious or abappear either devious or absurd. Without the promise of some increases in taxation. Labour is not a credible government. There is a prag-matic as well as a principled argument for not struggling to occupy the low ground of politics.
When, a couple of weeks

generations of children to in-ferior education because of trembled not for the consebut for its effect on the politi-

cal debate I really did expect Kenneth Clarke to announce the Tory intention of going down to five per cent. Would, I wou-dered, Gordon Brown feel a duty to offer a zero rate and would it be followed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer insisting that a decent tax system pays out rather than takes in. No wonder that the general public has a low opinion of politicians. The idea that their votes are for sale shows how low an opin-ion politicians have of them. At least the general public

deserve better.

I am not one of those people who excoriate John Major for balance between taxation and public spending is a moral issue. The rich have a duty to help the poor. The Prime Minister stood that simple ethical truth on its head. My real complaint is not against him, for he knows no better. It is against more enlightened politicians who should have realised that they have nothing to gain plain about in the Prime Min- | reliow-citizens and deciding | in a position to preach such a spired to reduce the stan- | vice look like political virtueago, I read that Labour now from trying to make fiscal

Managua Diary

Jonathan Steele *****************

ICARAGUA'S capital has a dubious claim to fame. It's the only world city with no street names. "From the Texaco station, two blocks towards the lake, one block west" is

the style for addresses. Managua now has a brand new attraction, "to the Inter (short for the Intercontinental Hotel), one block south". There you find the entrance to the ruined hillside complex which was once the headquarters of Central America's most notorious

Almost two decades have passed since Somoza was ousted, but the Sandinista revolutionaries who overthrew him never opened the place. Only now, in the closing months of the next gov-errment, has it been dedicated as a "national park". The grandiose title is deceptive, as the entrance is still blocked by a military roadblock and you need a VIP to persuade the soldiers to let you through.
Inside, the road winds up

to a small plateau above a green volcanic lake where three plaques commemorate members of the Nicaraguan Conservative Party, includ-ing the current President Violetta Chamorro's husband, who were tortured here. The grass is unmown, lovers' graffiti disfigure the collapsed walls of Somoza's palace, and the whole thing would be tacky, were it not for the stunning view and a 60-foot-tall statue of the icon of the 1979 revolution, General Sandino, which was put up by the last defence minister. With its riding breeches and broadbrimmed hat, the giant silhouette broods over the city.

My first escort to the hill-side was Domingo Sanchez, an elderly Communist MP, who recalled being blind-folded on his several detenlions roared nearby to frighten the hooded prisoners, though they were never let loose. Sadly, we could not locate the entrance to the torture chambers, and it was only the next day, this time with Marta Cranshaw, the one time Sandinista governor of Leon, that we found eone to open a guarded

Grim is a mild word for what the steps down to a narrow corridor revealed. Bats wooped out as we walked into the first of three small holding cells where Marta pointed by torchlight to the shackles where she was hand- and leg-cuffed as a 19-year-old student leader. Naked except for their hoods. prisoners were held in torture chambers which had air-conditioners, used mainly

to drown out their screams.

The "ynck" factor was the wash-basin with the mirror above. Caked with sweat and blood, victims were allowed to lift their boods when the torturers left the cell, and have a pleasant wash. There's nothing like the inti-macy of the bathroom to reveal a person's morale. Lit-tle did the victim know the mirror was two-way glass. Interrogators and torturers watched to see whether the prisoners looked relieved. confident, or broken as they mlashed about. If, as in Marta's case, the victim was a young woman, Peeping Tom-mery added to the obscenity.

ROM the slime to the drive 10 miles out of town to another Somoza style venue, the Ticomo Golf and Polo Club. Due to open in a few months' time, the club will be Nicaragua's only golf course. Alvaro Sacasa, a distant relative of the assassinated dictator, fussily

muda grass into rich soil. He cut his golfing teeth as a small boy at an earlier country club which, he fulminates, the Sandinistas burned into a training ground for tank-drivers. Bunkers and greens were churned up with equal aban-don. "I could have been a Latin Nick Faldo if I had had proper coaching," says Sa-casa modestly. "Also I've never been a slave of golf, though I am very gifted. I've

ithe poor

ments around the world." When the course is ready and the swimming-pool built, he hopes the club will be a home-from-home for foreign investors in Nicaragua, par-ticularly "oriental gentlenen" who understand that golf equals civilisation. As the Sandinista revolution fades into history, it's clearly better to look for-



How the West Country could be won

Commentary

Paul Whiteley

SiNCE 1983, when the Alliance came within an ace of pushing Labour into second place, the Liberal Democrats have seen their general elec-tion vote continuously decline. An average of only 15 per cent of the electorate has supported the Liberal Democrats in the monthly Gallup polls since the 1992 general election. At times, this has fallen to only 10 per cent, which is a very long way from the 26 per cent the Alliance party received in 1983.

In one theory of electoral choice, the party which cap-tures the "median" voter the person at the very centre of the "left-right" ideological spectrum - wins every election in a two-party system. In Britain this should be a Liberal Democrats, but unfortu-nately for them this is not true in a three-party system. where the centre party always loses because it is

which determine voting be-haviour. The first is party identification, or the psycho-logical attachments which voters feel towards their pre-ferred party. Since the 1992 election an average of 27 per cent of the electorate have identified with the Conservatives, 39 per cent with Labour, but only 12 per cent with the Liberal Democrats. Moreover, strong Liberal Democrat identifiers, a bedrock vote which stays with the party through thick and thin, are a minute proportion of the electorate.

The second determinant of voting behaviour is percep-tions of the party leaders. Ac-tually Paddy Ashdown has a good approval rating; for example, in the Gallup 9,000 survey in July of this year, some 57 per cent of voters thought that he was a good leader of the Liberal Democrats. The problem is that this

does not translate into sup-port for him as a potential prime minister. When asked to compare all three party leaders on the question of who would make the best prime minister, 37 per cent chose Tony Blair, 19 per cent John Major, and only 16 per cent Paddy Ashdown (29 per cent didn't know). This may well be because the voters reason that since he is never likely to become prime minis-The Liberal Democrats lose out on all the key variables ter, he would not make a very good job of it anyway.

The third key factor is issue

perceptions. The "feelgood" factor, or the electorate's perceptions of the future state of their economic well-being, is particularly important. We know that a decline in the feelgood factor hurts the Tories and helps Labour, just as an improvement has the opposite effect. But changes in the feelgood factor appear to have no effect at all on the standing of the Liberal Demo-crats. This is clearly because voters who are pessimistic about their economic future turn to Labour as the alternative government, not to the Liberal Democrats.

Liberal Democratic voters also tend to be all over the place in terms of their issue preferences. According to the British Election Study some 19 per cent of Liberal Demo-crat voters in 1992 thought Britain should withdraw from the European Commu-nity, 22 per cent wanted more nationalisation, and no less than 28 per cent thought that we should keep the first-pastthe-post electoral system rather than introduce PR. Furthermore, a recent ICM poll suggests that most voters oppose the Lib Dem plan to increase income tax to pay for education.

So what should the Liberal Democrats do, if they are to avoid further electoral decline, particularly in the face of New Labour? The solution is to play to their advantages, two of which stand out.One is

that they are perceived by the electorate as being moderate, united, willing to work for the whole country, and to be a caring party. They should take a leaf out of Tony Blair's book and talk in terms of building registlements. building social consensus and bringing back honesty and decency to British politics, while avoiding detailed policy commitments, especially when these involve tax in-creases. The second is that they should make full use of their activists, particularly in the South West where they are strong. Their current suc-cess in local government has been based on painstaking local campaigning, something which used to be called "com-

munity politics".

Of course, it might be said that their past success in local politics has never really translated into success in Westminster elections. But there are reasons to believe that this situation is

changing.
Firstly, regional variations in voting behaviour are now in voting behaviour are now much greater than a genera-tion ago. The Liberal Demo-crats are the dominant party in local government and the second party in national gov-ernment in the South West. Starting from a base of six MPs and many councillors, there are four or five Conservative seats they could win in that region.

N THE region, they easily outnumber the other two parties in terms of the number of grassroots campaigners on the ground, since the Conservative grassroots is in a parlous state, and Labour is weak and will concentrate on campaigning else-where. Our research shows that intensive local campaigns, particularly when they are not matched by rivals, can pay real electoral

dividends. There is some research by

local and national commenta-tors to confirm the validity of

perception of Tory "aleaze". Local campaigning can help this two-step process along by reinforcing the national mes-sage, provided of course the canvassers know what they are doing.

If Liberal Democratic cam-

paigners are working contin-

that this is the strategy.

tist Sam Popkin, which suggests that political information is absorbed by a two-step process; firstly, voters read newspaper stories or watch TV programmes about politics, and then they use trusted level and national confunction.

tors to commit the valuity of this information.

John Major's speech on mo-rality, for example, will disap-pear without trace, since there are very few people who will endorse his message in the context of the widespread

uously on the doorsteps to reinforce the party's national message by face-to-face con-tact with the voters in the target consitutencies, that should win key seats, particularly in the South West. In addition, most voters effectively disregard politics until the election looms up, at which point they begin to the Serious Fraud Office and the Home Office to the acquittels of Kevin Maywell The focus on it. Thus campaignduring this process of attention- seeking, much of which has already taken place by the time the election is

So the Liberal Democratic trategy should be to talk about honesty in politics, consensus, caring, and empower-ing communities, while avoiding specific policy com-mitments. At the same time they should start intensive local campaigning immediately after the party conference ends in areas where they can win, and relentlessly keep it up until the election. One last, but important, point is that they should not announce

the American political scien- | Politics at the University of Sheffield

'squeaky clean'



Paul Foot

LAME the jury was the instinctive reaction in the Serious Fraud Office and tals of Kevin Maxwell. The problem with juries, concluded the solicitors, accountants and bankers who run the SFO, is they can't call on the expertise of solicitors, accountants and bankers. "There expertise of solicitors, accountants and bankers. "There are," reported the Guardian. "suggestions from inside the SFO that courts should be given back the power they lost 25 years ago to swear in special juries' composed of bank managers, accountants bank managers, accountants and other financially experienced people." Always keen to help, I plunge into The Final Verdict, Tom Bower's compre bensive book on the Maxwell trial, to conjure up the perfect

special jury.

For accountants, the obvious choices are Peter Walsh and Stephen Wootten from Coopers & Lybrand, who au-dited the accounts of Maxwell's companies right up to the end and stuck closely and expertly to the iron law of auditors: that they must believe what they are told by the directors of their client company. As for solicitors, who could serve a jury more expertly than Dick Russell of the big City firm Titmuss Sainer. who hardly left the side of Kevin Maxwell as his compa-nies and pension funds headed for the rocks? Russell's extra qualification is that he is Kevin Maxwell's brother-inlaw. Another exceedingly well-qualified solicitor, who acted for the Princess of Wales in her divorce, is Anthony Julius of Mishcon de Reya. He advised the Maxwell family in their extraordinary feud with Tom Bower. What about bankers? From a vast and glittering array, I pick three: John Mel-bourn, chief executive of corporate risk at the National Westminster, whose Westminster, whose generous support for the Maxwells was Credit Suisse, who so proudly agreed to be part of the inner circle of bankers advising Kevin Maxwell; and Eric Sheinberg of Goldman Sachs, the Maxwells' faithful broker. As for stockbrokers, no juror would have more expert knowledge of the market than Sir Michael Richardson of Smith New Court, who worked closely with Robert Maxwell for years and de-clared him "squeaky clean

The perfect jury would need

ward former Tory Cabinet minister Lord Walker, for-merly of Slater Walker, whose sbort and lucrative sojourn on the Maxwell board sent such reassuring messages to the markets and the Government. For political balance to Walker, what about Labour's Lord Donoughue, a big wheel in the Maxwell company which traded in the pension funds. London and Bishops-

gate Investments?.

My special jury would not be complete without two stal-warts from Mirror Group Newspapers — the current chairman, distinguished merchant banker Sir Robert Clark whose association with Robert Maxwell goes back long before Maxwell was de-clared unfit to run a public company in 1971; and the Mirror's managing director, for-mer Times editor Charles Wilson, who was down on his luck when Maxwell hired him to run the Sporting Life, and has never looked back.

What a jury! Financialcrime cases heard by juries such as this would soon win back public confidence in the courts, and reinforce the prevailing view that, in the rare cases where rich people (ind. themselves in the dock, justice is far too risky a business to be left to the common people.

HANKS to all the former

public schoolboys who have responded so warmly to my nostalgic reflections about my former house-master, Tony "Whacker" Che-venix-Trench. I was surprised to discover from your letters how precisely Trench followed the same buttocks-smacking routine — and how quickly and relentlessly he got to work One remarkable letter records: "I arrived at Bradfield (where Trench was headmaster] in September 1956. Within about three weeks, a few days before my 14th birth day, I was summoned in the evening to Trench's study. His mood was confidential and intimate... With pats on the thigh I was made to accept guilt for an unfortunate remark I had made about another boy during a gym les-son. I had to lower my clothes and lie face down on a sofa. He and he race down on a some heat me very hard with six blows from a leather strap. I was badly hurt and the pain was not just physical. I don't think I told anyone about it at the time . . . It was only later, father that I came to understand that this behaviour was far more pernicious than muscular punishment in the public-school tradition. It was calculated misuse of authority, abuse of trust and humiliation of the child."

Was all this worth it for the glories of a public school edu-cation? My correspondent doesn't think so. "Our two sons went to the local comprehensive," he writes. "Both did far better than I did at Bradfield, and I think are likely to be better and more effective the world of politics. Step for | people."

Lottery of largesse

Nicholas Fraser calls for a properly-funded Government policy to aid film-makers — and an end to the present flawed dependence on the National Lottery and the Arts Council

pressed muddle grinding down remarkable talent, has traditionally been the despair of its continental counterparts. "We often recognise your film-makers more readily than you do," the former French cultural minister Jack Lang silkily remarked to an audience in London "You make good films, but I think we have a greater regard for film culture." Lang was trum-peting the virtues of the French subsidy system.
which allows cineastes to
work regularly, building up a
comprehensive occurre that can then be trotted out for can then be trotted out for foreigners as evidence of the existence of French culture. Neither the high-minded French way, nor the successful Irish method of tax breaks, exists in Britain, where indigent film-makers go to Hollywood for money, get on their knees in the visit in go to Hollywood for money, get on their knees in the vicinity of TV bosses, or turn over and die. But help is at last at hand, from the unlikely quarter of gambling ad- taking risks, as became apdicts. In the past year, 32 projects have received support totalling just over f18

million from the National

HE British film in-dustry, with its air of helpless, de-The dosh is handed out via specialist committees of the venerable Arts Council. Three additional committees, from the British Film Institute, the British Screen Advisory Council and the Independent Film Panel, are there to give advice. Some form of existing investment is required; no grant can total more than £1 million, or 50 per cent of the budget; and the paperwork is awesome. What happens in the event of conflicts of interest? "Well, in that instance, we leave the room," a participant ex-plains "It's all done terribly

orrectly." How original are the Arts Metroland — projects with a distinctly deja vu feel.

And yet there are limits to

the Arts Council's interest in parent in its recent rejection of Love Is A Devil, John Maybury's project for the British Pilm Institute about the life of Lottery, making Virginia Bottomley a more substantial treatment focused on the cir-

George Dyer, the night before the 1971 Paris exhibition featuring the famous canvases of Dyer seated on the toilet. Although the committee was happy to go ahead, Arts Council Chairman Lord Gowrie, a friend of Bacon's, thought it was "too early" to rake over the painter's sado-masochist sexual practices. The experts were overruled in the interest of bourgeois taste. Can quangos composed of

arts administrators and "safe" experts culled from the industry really be relied on to make the right creative decisions? Do they know new tal-ent when they see it? I doubt whether Shallow Grave or Trainspotting would have survived quangoisation; their producers would have seemed too young, or too maverick.

LTHOUGH British film-making is by its own standards experiencling a small boom at present, producers com-plain that they are starved of capital, and therefore forced to live hand-to-mouth. They would like to see a more substantial system of support than periodic Lottery

Two reports have been com-missioned and, aside from a policy of sensible tax breaks, they recommend the creation of "integrated" British companies like small Hollywood studios, capable of distributing films as well as making them. One report recommends the creation of a single

cumstances surrounding the Council itself, suggests that however indirectly, from the suicide of Bacon's lover more than half a dozen "fran-public — all the innocuouschises" should be created over a period of five years. Both basically propose to use windfall Lottery money in order to transform British film, venturing where the City hasn't dared to go. Hungry applicants — many

of them drawn from the ranks of the people currently advising the Arts Council - are queueing up. "There's scarcely a producer in Lon-don who isn't expecting to form or join a consortium," is form or join a consortium how Variety breathlessly de-scribed the prospective gravy train. Successful applicants will need to be "established" as companies, able to pitch well, and be skilled in draw-

ing up business plans, or hir-ing other people to do them. Critics of the schemes say that they will exclude out-siders, leading to the usual British-style carve-up. "This is the work of the usual suspects," said one producer. "They're an incestuous cartel

and they've been bankrupting the industry for the past 10 years in the name of high-mindedness and art. They're really asking for a bandout."

Aside from who gets what and when, however, the strategy poses other, deeper prob-lems. Lottery sation has become the perfect symbol of the empty cultural policies of the 1990s. And these schemes have a stale, faintly desperate air. It is as if their propo-nents, having laboured long and hard, felt good at having

the cash.

public — all the innocuous-sounding talk about "franchises" cannot disguise this fact. Many of these "mini-studios" will go bust, either through sheer bad luck or by misjudging the market. churning out the sort of mid-Atlantic, middlebrow mate-rial that put Goldcrest into the receivers' hands. Nor will these schemes encourage the odd, distinctly British combination of wilful eccentricity and inspired opportunism which the best film-makers have carried with them in their wilderness years — and which, to judge by the recent string of box-office successe

is finally paying off.

Every producer I talked to agreed that this use of Lottery money was dubious, or a best inappropriate, when they weren't adamantly op-posed to it as a matter of principle; but they also de-scribed the prospect of finally receiving assistance as an ir-resistible one. "Call me old and terminally pragmatic," sighed one Great British Pro-ducer. "I feel like Alan Bennett when he was asked whether he was gay or straight. If you're crossing the desert and somebody offers you water, you're not going to ask whether it's Malvern or Perrier."

This isn't good enough. In-stead of Lottery isation, can we one day have a real Gov-ernment policy for film? Do we have to wait for these schemes to fail before the question is addressed again?

come to any conclusion allowing them to get their hands on Nicholas Fraser is the editor of Fine Cut on BBC2. This is a

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Bomb scientist

with cloth cap

and baccy tin

BILL MOYCE, who has died aged 82, played a crucial part in the developing and testing of Britain's first atomic bombs, while retaining a delightfully simple attitude to life which endeared him to his neighbours and colleagues.

Bill was the son of a southeast London printworker, he core with him. The flight, for tunately, went just fine, as did

tunately, went just fine, as did

the test. Back at Aldermaston,

Moyce ran a complex of fac-tories as the explosives div-ision's senior superimendent

and then for three years be

fore his retirement in 1973 headed the safety department. Since 1952, he and Barbara and son John had lived on the

"atomic estate" in Berkshire. Re enjoyed science reading.

Bill Moyce . . . down to

mathematical problems and was renowned for his wonder-

ful flower garden, grown from seeds he collected each year.

Bill was humble and down

to-earth; he wore his old cloth cap and smoked roll-ups. He

was genuine, courteous, a

man-manager — and always with a fine sense of humour

At a tea-party given after his

cremation, a colleague de-scribed the unexpected value of Bill's plain-man habits. In

the late 1950s, when British

weapon expertise had led to

the renewal of Anglo-Ameri-

can nuclear co-operation

eight Aldermaston scientists flew to the United States to

meet their opposite numbers.

Both groups sat round a large

table, uneasily shuffling

papers since no one knew

how to begin. Bill, fed up, took out his antique worse-for-wear tobacco tin and

began to roll cigarettes. Laughter broke out — and co-operation was established.

Bill Moyce will be remem bered for application, hard

work, brilliant scientific as-

extract the maximum hu-

mour from any situation. He

he was awarded in 1963.

Trever Brown

weapon was tested at the ments scientist, born October 1 Monte Bello islands off the 1913; died September 6, 1996 :

certainly deserved the OBE

William James Moyes, arma-

ments scientist, born October 12,

essments, and his ability to

William Moyce

won scholarships to Addey

and Stanhope Grammar School and Downing College, Cambridge, where he gradu-ated with a science degree.

Science jobs were scarce in the mid-1930s, but he found

one in his own part of the world, at the government's

Woolwich Arsenal research department, making mathe-matical assessments of shell

trajectories. His mathemati-

cal skills were so exceptional that he did the calculations

extremely fast.

During the second world war, he worked on research

into improving small arms at the Royal Ordinance factory

at Swynnerton in the Potter-

ies, where he met a Scots lass

Barbara Manson Campbell, who was a shorthand typist in

the research department.

They married in 1947. Soon after the war, William

Penney, the new head of Brit-

ain's secret atomic weapons project visited Swynnerton.

(He had already been working

on the development of atomic

weapons in the US.) This was the reason that Moyce was

transferred to the Armaments

Research Department at Fort Halstead in Kent, where Pen-

ney was building his atomic

team: Moyce's responsibility

was the phenomenology of was the phenomenology of future explosions. It was a shrewd move on Penney's part, as Brian Cathcart wrote in his recent book on the first

British atomic weapon, Test

Moyce was deceptive. A tall, Greatness: "Much about

iug-eared man, morose of ap-

pearance and with a drawling delivery, he did not wear his

intelligence on his sleeve. But

he was a versatile and inge-

nious scientist whose

apparently childlike inquiries

usually struck right at the heart of the matter in hand.

He was also something of a

The unit later moved to the

new Atomic Weapons

Research Establishment

(AWRE) at Aldermaston in

Berkshire and Moyce became a central figure in weapon

design research. One of his

duties was conducting and interpreting the complex, frightening experiments of

bringing weapon components

slowly together while check-ing radiation. An inspector

carefully moved together,

what would happen if they rolled off and came together

on the floor. "You need not

worry, Mr Jones," said Bill.

You would not have to do

anything. Any necessary action would be organised in

The first British atomic

Annabella

Belle of three nations

achieving stardom in France, America and this country. In Britain she will always have a place in the reference books as the heroine of Wings of the Morning. (1937), which was the first Technicolor film made by a

Annabella appeared dressed as a boy for most of the film, and achieved a powerful rapport with her costar, Henry Fonda. Wings of the Morning also featured one of the few screen appearances by the great Irish tenor John McCormack, whose voice was heard singing the title song as the camera swept across Irish landscapes. Annabella got her screen

name - she was born Suzanne Georgette Charpentier
— when, as a 16-year-old dancer, she worked with Abel Gance on his silent epic. Napoleon. She played a young Corporal from afar. Such was the extraordinary length of the film as shot that on its original release in severely truncated form, nearly all

Annabella, who has died aged 37, had the distinction of made several personal apmade several personal appearances to celebrate the film's resurrection.

Despite the disappointment

nabelia became a star of French cinema of the 1930s. She appeared in three clas-sics: René Clair's Le Million (1931): Quatorze Juillet. also by Clair, made in the following year; and in 1938, Marcel Carne's Hotel du

In Le Million she played

the heroine Beatrice, whose boyfriend loses the winning lottery ticket; in Juillet, she was the perfect Parisienne. Annabella's fragile beauty was ideally used by Carne in Hotel du Nord, in which she and Jean Pierre Aumont are shown arriving at the shabby urban hotel with a desperate idea of a suicide pact. The great actress Arletty, who costarred in the film, wrote in 1977: "I saw it again, nothing is outdated, not a phase, not a word. It's perfection like a piece of music, nothing to cut

Among Annabella's other 1930s work in France were Robert Siodmak's Autour Annabella's scenes had d'un Inquiète. Anatole Litended on the cutting-room vak's L'Equipage. Julien Duended on the cutting-room vak's L'Equipage. Julien Du-floor. Only when it was vivier's La Bandera, and stored to its full six hours | Paul Fejos's Marie, Legende



location in Budapest. In 1934. she won the best actress award at the Venice Film Festival for Vielle d'Armes. Annabella said that she had become fascinated by the business of film when she was 12 years old, and had improvised a "film studio" in her parents' chicken shed. Annabella married fellow

actor Jean Murat in 1932, but they divorced four years later. By then she had made her first Hollywod film. Under the Red Robe. It was more Hollywood film, the followed by Suez (1938), a his rather good 13 Rue Made-

Hongroise, which was shot on torical romance about the location in Budapest. In 1934, building of the canal, in she won the best actress which she co-starred with Tyrone Power who played the engineer Ferdinand de Lesseps. They fell in love and were married in 1939. Annabella's Hollywood career did not continue with any marked success. She claimed that Darryl F Zanuck disap-Power, and of their appearance on Broadway in a

revival of the play Liliom.

Annabella did make one more Hollywood film, the

leine, in 1943, but then found that post-war French returned to Broadway in Ja cinema had no real place for coborsky and the Colonel. It her. She retired contentedly was during a performance of this play that she had the great joy of announcing to the audience that news of the Liberation of Paris had just been heard over the radio. The whole audience, à la Casablanca, got to its feet and

to the Pyrenees and to the end of her life still signed herself Annabella Power. She saw Tyrone Power for the last time a few weeks before his death in 1959, and he told her that the biggest mistake of his life was letting her go.

Patrick O'Connor

Julius Silverman

Checkmate in the Commons



Julius Silverman . . . gently civilising the USSR

has died aged 90, was a mired in his adopted home Party for 70 years, and was Birmingham's quiet leftington and Aston, for the 38 years from 1945 to 1983. He was also Parliament's best

A warm and witty man with a gentle smile. Silverman had half the ego and twice the caution of fellow Labour MP Sydney Silverman, whose surname he party, he often stopped short tyrdom. He felt that he had burned his fingers by signing the famous 1948 Nenni Telegram from Britain's Labour leftwingers to Italy's Communist-collaborating leftwing Socialist leader. He was, how ever, one of 62 Labour MPs who abstained from voting for a 1955 Labour amendment approving the manufacture

city of Birmingham, where he had settled as a young barrister in 1933, becoming a city councillor a year later. Just before retiring as an MP in 1983 — as the "father" of Freeman of the city. Birmingham City Council called him back into service in 1985, to conduct an inquiry into the Handsworth riots and pub-lished his well-judged report

Fellow of Birmingham Poly-He was, in fact, born in Leeds into a Russian Jewish family which was passionate about learning. He started his education there at Gower Street School and matriculated from its Central High School. And it was there that he joined the Labour Party.

a year later. And the year after that, he was made a

Although he worked in Leeds for his father as a teenaged warehouseman, 1922-24,

his ambition was to become a barrister. He qualified at Gray's Inn in 1931 and when he joined the Midland Circuit two years later, preoccupied himself with landlord-tenant cases. He stopped practising soon after becoming an MP.

Although Silverman won a city council seat a year after he settled in Birmingham. his parliamentary ambitions were never in doubt. In 1935 he contested Moseley. but had to wait 10 years for the next election, Labour's 1945 high-tide which carried him into Parliament for the con-

tract much media or parliamentary attention as secre-tary of Labour's Birmingham Group. Nor as a longtime supporter, and finally chairman, of the India League, the work of many decades which eventually won him India's coveted Padma Bhushan award in 1990. There was no interest in his role as chairman of the European Legisla- | September 21, 1996

Soviet chess-master in a 1954 contest)

visited Parliament

With his typical soft wit Silverman remarked: "We do not approve of all your political methods any more than we expect you to approve of recalled asking, as two hemi-all ours. You shatter your spheres of plutonium were of joining leftwing rebellions technic for his lifetime of potantiat seemed destined for marilitical service.

| Stituency of Erdington. | we expect you to approve of Once there, he did not at all ours. You shatter your political idols. We bury them in the House of Lords. It is not for me to say which is the more civilised.

sonality. His relish for life and its multifarious oddities. and his fund of merriment made him the best of com-pany. He read plentifully and his mind was always fresh. A notable, but necessarily hid-den part of his ministry was contacts with criminals and former prisoners. He had the ability to win the confidence of those whom life had treated Many of them will be saddened at his passing, together with his devoted wife, family

golfer, 38; Mickey Rooney, actor, 76; Bruce Spring steen, rock musician and songwriter 47; Jeff Squire, rugby footballer, 45; John Wilkinson, Conservative MP. 56: Norma Winstone, jazz lyricist, 55; Nicholas Witchell, television journal

In Memoriam

The Venerable David Scott

Towering presence in the east

within its number men (and now women) of a calibre, and with abilities, beyond those obviously demanded by their appointments. Such was David Scott, who has died aged 72 whose long and distinguished ministry in the diocese of Lincoln culminated in 14 years as Archdeacon of

From adolescence, Scott manifested an alert conminster Abbey. There he disscience and a markedly princovered the beauty of ordered cipled apporach to life. In the worship, the love of which

the opprobrium attaching to that conviction. At Trinity Hall, Cambridge, where he Fleming (who subsequently, as Bishop of Portsmouth, or-dained him) he realised his vocation to the priesthood. The roots of his calling might be traced further back to his time as a chorister of West-

Portsmouth (where his occasionally austere demeanou caused his more innocent in came under the influence of niors to dub him "the dry old the then chaplain. Launcelot | crust") and a brief period as a member of Gordon Philips's London University chaplaincy team. Scott moved to the Scunthorpe parish of Old Brumby to begin his ministry years in Lincolnshire. Paro-chial ministry in Scunthorpe There Scott, together with wife Christine, worked vigor-

THAS always been a glory second world war, he dependence of the Church of England clared himself a conscient out his ministry.

That it has contained thous objector and accepted After a long curacy in lost least amongst the young. Boston, where he moved after different proposition, with its magnificent church surmounted by its tower, the famous Stump, much in de-mand for special services as it was the virtual sub-cathedral in that part of the country. But whilst he gave detailed care to the liturgy and to all events, Scott remained pre-dominantly a pastor, making contact with all sorts and conditions of people.

His appointment as Arch-eacon of Stow was a recogni-pointed a chaplain to the deacon of Stow was a recognition that, as well as being a devoted and disciplined parish priest. Scott possessed a clear and thorough mind and cared for efficient and effective administration. For 14 years he laboured for the diocese on the practicalities of church life, while being at the same time the parish priest of the village of Hackthorn; and he was always a good friend and support to the clergy and laity of his archdeaconcy. He was largely responsible for ensuring that in a time of stringency and fall-ing numbers of clergy, the great Lincoln diocese could survive both pastorally and financially.

His contribution to the

church and the quality of his David Scott, priest, born June ministry was given further 19, 1924; died August 31, 1996

wife would be excommuni-

harshly.

and friends.

cated for a year and reduced to the lay state. eventh Century: France documents show that the majority of priests were married. Eleventh Century: 1074AD - Pope Gregory VII said any-one to be ordained must first pledge celibacy: "Priests [must] first escape from the clutches of

their wives. 1095AD — Pope Urban II had priests' wives sold into slavery. their children abandoned. 1139AD — Pope Innocent II: Second Lateran Council confirmed the previous council's

Fifteenth Century: Transi-

director of the Royal National

tion; 50 per cent of priests are married and accepted by the people. Twentieth Century: 1930AD - Pope Pius XI: sex can be good

The path of Catholic clergy was never straight. From the Call to Action/Future Church's pamphlet on allow ing Catholic priests to marry, at listserv.american.edu/cath-

olic/cta/celibacy Captain's log

IN THE waste compartment, stronauts strap themselves down to the lavatory seat. In-stead of water, which would be disastrous in weightlessness, powerful suction pumps pull the waste into a holding tank. But if the seal between the buttocks and the seat isn' soue, gobs of urine and solid wastes will float around the cabin like swarming insects. Indeed both NASA and the

Russian Space Agency are

lackdaw wants jewels. E-mail. Road. London ECIR SER.

Emily Sheffield



joined her in singing La Marseillaise. The marriage to Power did not outlast the second world war and Annabella returned to France, where she made a

Annabella Suzanne Georgette Charpentier', actress, born July

tion Committee. But, during the Cold War which overshadowed his time in Parliament, his interest in Anglo-Soviet relations positively obsessed pressmen. (And they did not seem to notice the fact that, as the best Commons chess-player, he was the only one of 20 MPs to beat

He was deeply involved with the Anglo-Soviet Parliamentary Group, where his role was to try to civilise the Russians rather than emulate their style. This was illustrated in 1956, when he was chairman of the group at the time that Georgi Malenkov, a former Soviet premier,

He married Eva Price in

Julius Silverman, politician, born December 8, 1905; died

Scott had an attractive pe

Birthdays

London

trainer, 60; Ray Charles, singer and pianist, 66; Baroness David, former Labour Whip, 83; Lord Feldman, chairman of the Shopping Hours Reform Council, 70; Frank Foster, saxophonist and director of the Count Basie orchestra, 68; James Guinness, former deputy chairman of Guinness Peat, 72: Julio Iglesias, singer and musician, 53; Pamela Kirby, pharmacist, 43; Richard Lambert, editor of the Finan-cial Times, 52; Sir Gordon Linacre, chairman, Opera North and president of York-shire Post Newspapers, 76; Dr. Brian Lloyd, nutritionist, 76; Genista McIntosh, executive

Toby Balding, racehorse | Theatre, 50; Larry Mize,

Jackdaw



Beauty tips

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urge them to take adult educa-

After giving an illiterate person a book, and helping them to cheat on a job application, Miss Arkansas was chosen to be the new Miss America. Thanks to Bill in Frankfurt for

Sick jokes HILLARY CLINTON VIRUS:

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computer becomes obsessed with its own motherboard. ELVIS VIRUS: Your computer gets fat, slow, and lazy, then self-destructs, only to resurface at shopping malls and service stations across rural America. Another offering from the Internet server Mish-Mash.

High life

WE WERE then all, en masse transported to the Versace party for food, though no one present had ever eaten anything in their lives. Before I go on, I just want to say I had done a television show at Cannes a year earlier, where crashed Mickey Rourke's

made us wait two-and-a-half hours while, as his PR person explained he got his head together. We all had to watch him try and get his head together, on the beach, and then he came to us in a cloud of arrogance. His gorilla-in-atux PR person told us not to ask stupid questions. After a few lewd comments from the press, Mickey explained that 912 Weeks, Part One, was not about fucking as the press implied, but a "mental thing" Also they weren't sure who the new girl was going to be in part two, so please don't ask. I stood up, introduced my self as Ruby Wax, BBC, volunteered to be the "new girl" and said, even though it was more of a mental thing he was doing, he

was fantastic at schtupping. I was thrown out. Now cut to the Versace party and who sits down next to me? Mickey. He introduces the girl beside him as his co-star in 9': Weeks, Part Two. My life is like a sitcom. Mickey doesn't remember me or anything, so he tells me how much he admires his co-star. I say, if you like her so much, why don't you marry her? And here's

where the charm starts. He tells me be would but "I have to stick my dick into every wom-Ruby does not wax lyrical on what happens next. From La Wax's reportage of the Paris

History divorce First Century: Peter, the first pope, and the apostles that Jesus chose were, for the most Second and Third Century: A

person cannot be married and be perfect. However, most priests were married. Fourth Century, 325AD — Council of Nicea: decreed that after ordination a priest could not marry. Proclaimed the Nicene Creed.

385AD - Pope Siricius left his wife in order to become pope. Decreed that priests may no longer sleep with their wives Fifth Century: 401AD -- St Augustine wrote: "Nothing is so powerful in drawing the spirit of a man downwards as the caresses of a woman." Second Council of Tours: any cleric found in bed with his

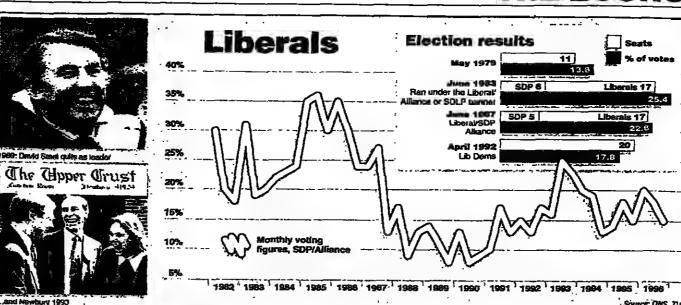


still struggling to design an efficient zero-G toilet. Orbiting ships can't afford to store the entire mass of waste from a crew. Vents on the side of the vehicles sprinkle the waste into space, after special shredder and vaporiser systems have rendered it into particles as fine as dust Waste disposal is no joke. One of the weirdest hazards of space flight is the possibility that frozen particles of urine

and faeces, dumped from a previous mission, might mash into you at 17,500mph The vented waste stays in orbit for weeks; a speck just 1/ 36th the mass of an aspirin tablet carries the destructive Potential of a 0.3 calibre bullet. Focus magazine explains some basic problems familiar to Shannon Lucid, the female as tronaut who has just returned from six months in space.

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ELECTION BATTLEGROUND/Sterile debate among Big Two and 'casino policy' jibes may be Lib Dems' best cards

Coming clean on tax rises



Larry Elliott

when those of us with young children used Today Programme hoping that the politicians would drown out the whining and grizzling; these days, if the squabbling over the Shreddies drowns out the pol-

iticians, so much the better. Paddy Ashdown hopes to capitalise on the fact that voters turn off in their droves at the dread words "... and now it's over to Mr Mawhinney/ Blair/Brown/Heseltine in the radio car". The Liberal Democrat leader believes the electorate has had enough of what be calls a "massive conspiracy by the two main parties to

ecaive the voters". To some extent, of course, this is just niche marketing. The Lib Dems have found their part of the political spectrum invaded by the stame to the centre and Mr l fresh and different.

Nothing so infurtates the wo main parties as Mr Ashdown coming on all high and mighty, not least because the experience of many Conservative and Labour activists on the ground is that the dirtiest rs of all are those wear ing Lib Dem rosettes.
The Lib Dems do have an

appeal, however, and it is likely to grow if the next saven-and-a-half months are a continuation of the current sterile political debate.

When voters start to take a look at the Lib Dem economic policy, they will find an eclec-tic mixture, with some ideas to the right of the Conservatives and others well to the left of Labour. Three areas are of particular interest.

The first is tax. Mr Ashdown is prepared to do what Mr Blair will not and pledge that the very rich - the real gainers from the past 18 years should pay more. A new top rate of 50 per cent would be levied on those earning more than £100.000 a year, raising £1.1 billion which would be used to increase per-sonal allowances. This would remove from tax people at the bottom of the earnings scale, and be both progressive and

of making his product look | ing on education by £2 billion - an extra £900 million for lion for secondary schools, improvements to specialneeds teaching and better post-16 training, as well as for every adult to have a period

of re-skilling. Both Tories and Labour say that most voters have yet to work out that it means an extra 1p in the pound on tax rather than just 1p on their tax bills. When they do, it is said, the electorate will look less kindly on it. Although the headline mea

sures are clear enough, there is a fuzziness about overall fiscal policy: there is talk of reconnecting voters with tax they pay, but a lack of clarity on whether this means hypothecation (specified taxes). The plan to cut public spending to below 40 per cent of GDP looks like a gimmick; an attempt to temper the leftwing appeal of the tax pledge with right-wing rhetoric. Second, there is the environ-

ment, and here the Lib Dems are ahead of the field. At the heart of the party's tax strat-egy is the welcome realisation that it is madness to tax things that we want more of - jobs while neglecting to tax things we want less of — pollution. The idea would be to intro-



Making choices for the long term . . . "Our roots are literally in the soil, so we have to think ahead," says farmer John Tricks photos:

ance contributions, Road tax would be abolished and petrol duties raised to hit car usage rather than car ownership.
At least, this is the way it is

seen in Westminster. The problem is that the anti-car. pro-public transport greenery at the centre doesn't exactly redistributive.

The idea would be to introthe other main plank of the policy is the penny on tax—if revenue raised offset by lowed by Lib Dems in its

The two main parties have not been slow to notice that where the Lib Dems have some influence — as in New-bury — idealism is tempered by political realities.

Finally, there is monetary policy, where the Liberal Democrats favour a New Zes land-style independent centrai bank as a way of taking the politics out of decisions on interest rates. This policy elides with the approach to Europe, where the Lib Dems have a much clearer idea of what to do about monetary union than either Mr Major or Mr Blair, and collides with the party's long-standing commitment to greater de-mocracy and localised power. What could be more centralised and undemocratic than having the economy run by

Although Mr Ashdown concedes that there would be pain involved in joining a single currency, the Lib Dems would sign up. No its or buts.

This is a clear position. It is an honest position. Whether it is a sensible one is another matter. Like Sir Edward Heath and Helmut Kohl, the Lib Dems are fully committed to Europe as a political pro-ject, but are overlooking some fundamental economic prob-lems such as the differences between the European econo-mies, the dellationary bias built into the European central bank and the lack of a mechanism for fiscal transfers on the gigantic scale that

will be necessary. Mr Ashdown says failure to join will jeopardise the single market and be tantamount to Britain saying that it will continue with competitive deval-uation. While these are valid points, it is also worth noting that those countries -France, in particular which have been anally retentive about their currencies have not exactly prospered over the past 15 years.

The Lib Dem leader has a nice image about the UK as a cork bobbing around in the

iberal trade endeavours

ROM his building site in the heart of west Devon — where Emma Nicholson MP announced her conversion to the Liberal cause — Eddie Haw-kins explains why, as a lifelong socialist, he now votes Liberal Democrat. "To get the bloody Tories out," he says with vigour. Thirty miles east, on a hill near Tiverton, fruit farmer John Tricks says he

has switched from blue to yellow in a seat once represented by Palmerston, the first Liberal prime minis-ter. "It is about honesty," he says. "We need someone to tell us the truth about the tough choices we have to make. Neither of the other parties is doing it." These men epitomise the

successful capture of the South-west by the Liberal Democrats. Although their strategy has been based on tactics as much as princi-ples, both stress the attractions of the party's longerterm policies. Mr Tricks explains how

the cider brewers to whom he is contracted had to make a 10-year bet on his apple trees bearing fruit.
"The whole economy needs to be like this," he says.
"At the moment, the casino economy is all about making as much as possible as quickly as possible, then shoving off into offshore tax havens."

Although a tactical voter, Mr Hawkins also likes the Liberal Democrat habit of thinking ahead. His Oke-hampton firm has not sold

'There isn't another from government training builder round here who can schemes. "I simply can't blow wind up my arse." use them." he says.

Radical fruits of Devon's

Old enough for a bus pass, he lays out the raw materials for his workers at 6.80 every morning. Not that he will need a bus pass: he looks and acts like the workers' mate, but Mr Hawkins is worth about £5 million.

His Liberal Democrat candidate, John Burnett, who needs only a 3 per cent swing to enter Parliament, says this is part of the Devon culture. "No one flaunts it down here." There is a Tory drive to make it, but an old Labour-

The recovery is coming down the motorway, but it hasn't got here yet

ish desire to keep it unde wraps. Except for jovial lawyer Mr Burnett, who drives an unmissably pur-ple Mercedes-Benz.

The longer, more considered view typical of Dev-on's people is also grist to the Liberal mill.

The idea of an extra

cation goes down well. Mr

nessmen, the Liberal Demo-

And he is prepared to pay

more tax on his substantial income to fund improvements in schools and col-leges? "Oh yes, quite happy," he says. So he really is a socialist.

One reason progressive-minded voters in the Southwest have, since Palmerston's day, been more Liberal than Labour is that farms and firms have been small. There are few big industries to spawn a trade union movement. Independence, in business, politics and religion, is highly prized.

Another Liberal message that sells well in the Southwest is the promise of more regional autonomy. Given that a fifth of the Devon and Cornwall economy is based on tourism, the fi-nancial denuding of the tourist and development boards excites much anger.

"They might as well cut us off at Bristol and let us float into the sea." says Mr Hawkins. Regional assistance is needed to fuel the recovery. "The recovery is coming down the motor-way," says Mr Hawkins. "But it hasn't got here yet." One of the ironies of busi-

penny on the basic rate of income tax to improve education goes down well. Mr Tricks likens such an approach to his business.
"Our roots are literally in the soil, so we have to think promise higher taxation. anead. Education is about building strong roots for the future," he says.

For hard-headed businessmen, the Liberal Parts.

tion spending.
As Mr Tricks says: "It is

cork bobbing around in the wake of an ocean liner, but if the ocean liner is the Titanic, being a cork might not be so bad after all. As Mr Tricks says: "It is interventionist, yes. And it is radical. But I think we need some radical action, don't you?"

Don't wish — you might get it

Worm's eye

Dan Atkinson

ORGET shadow budgets ■and programme costings, in this conference season the iron rule holds true — by their beneficiaries shall ye know them. Thus, the class party (bankers, bond market gurus, water and sew-age millionaires) faces the

group party (administrators, teachers, health inspectors). But the iron rule wobbles when we are faced with a

groups? There are none — not in this life, anyway. Most factions defend and promote economic interests; identify those interests and you have identified the faction (the iron rule). When there are no clearly

marked interests, identification relies on the unsatisfac tory process of sifting statements made by the par ty's leaders over the years, a process that, in this case, yields the following propos als: bombing Rhodesia, bonus for the miners. VAT on everything, bombing Yugoslavia. movement which, having No obvious client-groups been so long in no position to there, other than manufactur-benefit anyone, has no obviers of aerial ordnance.

ous beneficiaries. Who are Another line of inquiry bridge, but with its flawed the Liberal Democrats' client may be to try to identify those mayor replaced by a jolly Lib may be to try to identify those who would be the client groups were the movement in any position to have clients. This proves far more fruitful. given that millions of trusting people are prepared to believe either that they would benefit come The Day, or that they

know other people who

would.

Here we are in real heart-of-England territory, market towns that resemble the settings of television's Wexford or Dangerfield, places where the GP, the auctioneer and the solicitor are to be found in portance. the lounge bar, untangling municipal problems over a pint of the local ale.

In other words, Caster- they will ever know.

eral Democrat committed to ending the practice of wifeselling.

Interests that can never be served can never be disap-pointed. This is particularly fortunate in the Liberal case, because there can be no doubt that the party's full-blown Europhilia - most crucially its addiction to the single currency - would wreak such havoc in Casterbridge as to make Michael Henchard's attempts to corner the hay market seem a matter of no im-

In being denied what they think they want, the electors of Loamshire are luckier than



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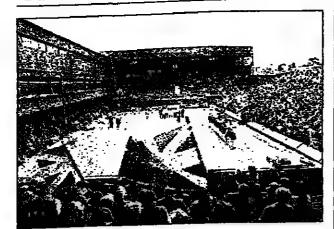
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Flag day . . . No. 1 Court's final match was Greg Rusedski's victory over Amr Ghoneim yesterday

As the final bell tolls over Wimbledon's old No. 1 Court, Stephen Bierley reports on the promotion of Britain's Davis Cup team

Re-birth at the death

HE pilgrims threaded their way along Church Road and Somerset Road yester day for what was part revivalist meeting, part funeral. More than 6,000 mourned the imminent passing of Wimble-don's No. 1 Court: they also hailed the re-birth of British Davis Cup tennis.

Tim Henman, the shining light and Greg Rusedski, a borrowed beacon from Canada, won the reverse singles against Egypt to complete a 5-0 victory which brought David Lloyd's team promotion to the Euro-African Zone group one next year. From there it will be possible to rejoin the world's top 16 nations and compete for the Davis Cup itself.

Goodbye No.1 Court and thanks for the memories," read a banner on the crowded West stand. There was Union-Jack-waving-Last-Night-of-the-Proms jollity. Henmania and a frisson of aching nostaglia, and rain. Oh yes, there had to be rain, albeit mercifully light and brief.

"It felt as if you were play-ing one of the most important matches of your life." said Henman who needed the rain break to pull himself together against Egypt's No.1 Tamer El Sawy, who had taken the fürst set 7-6.

How much Henman's initial desultory play had its roots in the emotion of the oc-casion or celebrations from the previous night was unclear. "Come on, Tim," came the plaintive seaguli mew of the teenies and not so teenies. He responded 6-2, 6-2.

Rusedski then made short work of Amr Ghoneim 6-4, 6-2 with No. 1 Court's last point being the sad sigh of a double fault from the Egyptian.

Final speeches were given, the net was presented for posterity to the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Museum and, after much looking and lingering, the court emptied. The new No. 1 Court, a thrusting bumptious oval of vaulting wealth and ambition, grows nearer completion and the old No. 1 will soon be no more

than memories and videos. There will be 11 teams, in-cluding Britain, in next year's Euro-African zone group one. assuming that Austria are not punished further for walking out of their World Group qualifying round against Brazil in Sao Paulo yesterday.

Trouble errupted during the fifth set of Saturday's doubles when Thomas Muster, ranked No. 3 in the world. left the court claiming he had been abused by spectators. including the use of mirrors to dazzle him. "For 3"; hours we were sworn at and spat at. If this is the Davis Cup I don't want anything more to do with it," said Muster.

However the referee, Antonio Flores Marques of Portu-gal, deemed that Muster's complaints were not justifiable. The Austrian pair were defaulted, giving Brazil an overall 2-1 lead and yesterday the Austrians refused to play the two remaining singles.

Under the Davis Cup code of conduct Muster was not eligible to play in these reverse singles but could be replaced by another team member.

The International Tennis Federation has called for a report from the referes, the national associations.

There are various options. One would be to relegate Austria to the lowest of the low or one are Croatia. Belgium. careful look at the double ban Muster. The committee Hungary, Denmark, Morocco. pairing which clearly must in may find in the Austrians' Zimbabwe, Israel and the volve Henman from now on.



Looking ahead . . . Henman will play an important part for Britain in the Euro-African Zone group one

favour, although this appears | Ukraine and Slovak republics. unlikely. The other teams in group

Britain's promotion to a more rigorous group will mean a careful look at the doubles pairing which clearly must in-

• France will meet Sweden in the Davis Cup final at the end of November after Cedric Pioline and Arnaud Boetsch took both their singles matches against Italy's Renzo

Furlan and Andrea Gaudenzi respectively for a 3-2 triumph in Nantes. Sweden made their ninth final in 14 years with a straightforward victory over the Czech Republic +1.

Sport in brief

King is guided by the wisdom of Solomon

MARY KING extended her run of successes to four since the Olympics when she won the Blenheim horse trials on King Solomon III yesterday, but with a winning margin of just 0.15 points it was the closest call of all, writes John Kerr. As at points it was the closest call of all, writer soon her? As at Burghley a fortnight earlier, Andrew Nicholson proved her closest challenger. The New Zealander on Dawdle jumped clear in the arena but a fractional time penalty put him into second place. King looked in danger when Solomon hit the night of the lad held throughout the three stages.

Devils draw Bees' sting

THE ice hockey Superleague had an unremarkable hirth on THE ice hockey Superleague had an unremarkante nurth on Saturday when the Bracknell rink was barely half-filled for the Bees' home game with the Cardiff Devils, writes Vic Batchelder, Cardiff's Ian Cooper scored the first goal of the new league and the teams traded goals until, with the score af 4-4, Stevelus as gothis second of the game 64 seconds from time to give Devils a 5-4 win.

Last season's First Division champions Manchester Storm

crashed 6-1 in front of 8,510 at Sheffield.

Kasparov quick on the draw

ENGLAND, who have won every match so far, advanced to joint second place behind Garry Kasparov's Russians with a 24-14 victory over Georgia in round six of the 127-nation Olympiad in Erevan. urites Leonard Barden. Russia kept their one-point over all lead by beating the host nation Armenia 24-14. The faird board Evgeny Bareev scored Russia's winning point after Kasparov conceded a draw to Vladimir Akopian.

Elliott exemplifies 49er spirit GARY PHILLIPS of Australia and Zeb Elliott of Britain are the

GART PHILLIPS OF AUSTRALE and Zeo Edited of Artists age the British Open Champions in the 49er sailing class. They complised their five-race series at Hayling Island with a second, a first and a third to be comfortably ahead of Andy Jefferies and Guy Faring in winds of between 12 and 20 knots, urives Bob Fisher.

Seles helps to rain on Spain

MONICA SELES of the United States beat Spain's Arantza San-chez Vicario 6-1, 6-4 to take the Nichirei title in Tokyo less than a week before their countries meet in the final of the Fed Con.
Typhoon rains leaking in through the roof forced half a dozen interruptions.

Great Britain chalked up a record fourth successive victory ex

they retained the Maureen Connolly Trophy against the Unit States in Austin, Texas. The 21 and under side built up a winning 6-2 lead with a day to spare. Chingford's Mandy Wainwright sealing victory 7-6, 7-5 over Callie Creighton.

Whitaker turns the Miami vice

PERNELL WHITAKER made no mistake in his World Boxing Council welterweight title rematch with Wilfredo Rivera as he won on a unanimous points decision against the Puerto Rican in Miami Beach. The fight was ordered after their original bout in April ended in a questionable split decision which went the

Boardman leads chain gang

CHRIS BOARDMAN outclassed an illustrious field to comfortibly win the Grand Prix des Nations 70km time trial around Lac du Madine in eastern France. Cycling's world one hour record holder left the Tour de France winner Bjarne Riis trailing by 4min 51 sec. with the world road champion Abraham Olano third a further 30sec adrift. Alex Zille tightened his grip on the Tourof Spain when he emerged from the mist to take the mountain finish of the 15th stage to Alto Cruz de la Demanda yesterday.

Baseball makes its pitch

PROFESSIONAL players were cleared to compete in the 2000 Olympics after the International Baseball Association voted to change its amsteur only rule at the weekend. Its president Aido Notari said: "Only sports that attract media attention will be kept on the programme. In Atlants, baseball received little coverage of the most of the programme." even in the United States and in the rest of the world nothing.

Racing

Ploy boosts big race claim

Chris Hawkins

AME PLOY was dramatically promoted to 9-1 favourite from 33's for the Cambridgeshire by Coral's after waltzing home by three lengths at Newbury on Saturday.

Derek Haydn Jones trains Game Ploy who has 8st, including a 51b penalty, in the big Newmarket handicap on Ray Cochrane held him up

in mid-field in the Courage Handicap on Saturday and had no trouble in accelerating past Inquisitor in the final furlong to win going away. It was a smart performance by this strong, attractive gelding by Deploy and it came as

no surprise to his trainer.
"He was unlucky at Chepstow last time when he couldn't get a run." said Haydn Jones. "He's best when tucked away and brought late. The real racehorses are the ones that switch off and at home he just lobs along at the

"The Cambridgeshire is the target but I think he'll stay a mile and a half and he might even go for the November

Handicap at Doncaster. Betting on the second leg of the autumn double, the Cesarewitch, has been domi-nated so far by Henry Cecil's lightly weighted Canon Can, the 7-2 favourite, but Ballynakelly emerged as a worthy rival in dead-heating with Kutta in the Tote Autumn Cup. Reg Akehurst's gelding. who is also by Deploy, is now 8-1 second favourite for the

finish to get Kutta up on the line to share the spoils and completed a double when taking the Mill Reef Stakes on Indian Rocket.

This was much easier for Hills as the tough Indian Rocket was well in command and is now likely to go for the Pat Eddery rode a double on Phantom Quest and Speed-

ball, his handling of the former being particularly interesting. Although strongly chal-

lenged throughout the final furlong by the gambled-on Tamhid, Eddery never went for his whip and rode-out hands and heels for a short-In view of the current whip controversy, one cannot help

wondering whether the stew-ards would have had Eddery in for making insufficient effort had he been beaten. Presumably the answer is no as this seems to be the way

the authorities want horses ridden these days. There was no need for any vigorous assistance from Jimmy Fortune to get Coastal Bluff home in the Ladbroke Ayr Gold Cup in a race ruined by the draw. Coastal Bluff looked in a class of his own but secured the big advantage

of the stands' rails. The first four home were drawn 28.29.27 and 25 which is a withering condemnation of a race supposed to be the most competitive sprint of the season. In fact, two thirds of the runners need not have

bothered turning up. Oscar Schindler was an emphatic winner the Irish St Le-Newmarket marathon. | ger and is now 16-1 for the Richard Hills rode a fine | Arc.

Carson on the mend

who is recovering from an injury to his liver he received when kicked by a horse at ter night and remains in Newbury on Friday.

Carson is "out of immediate a lot happier with his condidanger" but remains in inten- | tion today."

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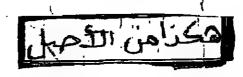
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Win for Folgore

OLGORE, trained by John Dunlop, won the Premio Signorinetta (7f) in Milan yesterday. Luca Cumani's How Long (Frankie Dettori) was second to Albastro in the Premio Molvedo (7f),





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Alan Henry at Estorii

FTER Damon Hill's flying start it simply did not look possible for his team-mate Jacques Villeneuve to win here yesterday. But the Canadian was in im-perious mood and produced one of the most breathtaking passing manoeuvres seen all eason to take the Formula One title race to the wire.

After a dozen laps the Eng-lishman was some 10sec ahead and Villeneuve was still bogged down in fourth place. But the indyCar champion knew he had to throw caution to the wind and he pounced when Michael Schumacher was momentarily baulked as they came to lap

Giovanni Lavaggi's Minardi.
Coming through the
150mph right-hander on to the
start-finish straight, Villeneuve took his Williams round the outside of Schu-macher's Ferrari in a magnificently bold stroke. As he drew level with the Ferrari, the two cars still had Lavaggi's Minardi ahead but Villeneuve successfully edged ahead and then nipped across the Ferrari's bows on the straight before tucking inside the slow Italian's car going

into the next right-hander.
'It was fun overtaking on the outside of the turn," said Villeneuve later. "I told the team before the race that I

Either I beat Damon or I lost the championship right there anyway, so it was worth it to

And so what had started out ton, with Johnny Herbert's looking like a dominant and title-clinching victory run for Brundle's Jordan ninth.

Hill in the Portuguese Grand Prix ended with a brilliant success for his Williams team-mate, who can still take the title in the final race in Japan on October 13.

At one point Hill was 19sec ahead of his team-mate but a combination of traffic, a lacklustre performance by the Englishman in the second stint between pit stops and Villeneuve's sheer flair brought the Canadian right up on to his tail with 30 laps

to run.
"I was enjoying my time out there at the front," said Hill, "but I always knew that Jacques would be able to get through [to second place] shead of [Jean] Alesi. He closed up on me pretty quickly so I thought okay, let's see what he can do, and l put the hammer down a bit and pulled away.

"I thought I would have a sufficient advantage to stay ahead of him through the last pit stop, but I lost a bit of time behind a McLaren coming round the last corner and was very surprised to see him coming out of the pits ahead of me. I was preity shocked. He was flying and there was no way I could stay with him at the end."

Villeneuve said: "My car today was very, very strong and I was able to race it very hard. I knew that once I got

team before the race that a thought we could do it. They said they would come and finish in front."

In the end Hill was 20sec adrift. Schumacher, who was impressed by Villenfinished highly impressed by Villen-euve's audacity, finished third ahead of Alesi's Benet-ton, Eddie Irvine's Ferrari and Gerhard Berger's Benet-

Hill still needs to make a point

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As they passed the pits Hill suddenly swung to the right, off the racing line, forcing Alesi towards the pit wall. On the face of it this was a piece of calculated blocking of the kind Senna introduced to Formula One and such as Schumacher may have used to deprive Hill of the title at Suzuka two years ago.

somewhat disingenuous air, "I was looking where I was going. I was keeping my eyes on the road ahead. You've got your hands full at the start, I can tell you." Alesi had a very different

view. "Everybody is fighting for a place," he said. "In Da-mon's case it's to win the world championship. In my case it's to finish in third place in the championship. And I don't think it's correct to use the pressure of winning a race or whatever to block someone, specially at the start, where it's the most dangerous moment for a grand prix."

Hill gave a light-hearted esponse when confronted during practice here with the

each other as a matter of course. A lack of aptitude for intimidation is greatly to his credit but it seems that he is fed up with the idea that he is a soft touch and lacks the test of a true houseless. steel of a true champion

Senna and Prost used to do to

Now the rumour mill can return to grinding out stories about Hill's team destination next season. His manager Michael Breen was kept busy cipally to Eddie Jordan and Jackie Stewart, but it is unlikely that any deal will be concluded before it is known whether or not Hill can call himself the 1996 world

"I haven't been involved with the negotiations this weekend," Hill said. "I've been concentrating on the racing. Now I'll have to speak to Michael Breen and get him to tell me what's been going

not going on is a rumoured move by Renault to maintain their links with Hill by sup-plying their engines to a third team, in which he could take a seat. Renault will withdraw from Formula One at the end suggestion that all he had to of next season and such a do to win the title was nudge move would make no com-Villeneuve off the track, as | mercial or technical sense.

What is almost certainly

Rugby League

Armed guard for Lions after riot

Andy Wilson in Lae

APUA New Guinea is the only country in the world with rugby league as its national game but yester-day's events in Port Moresby and Lae did little to enhance its reputation with the Great Britain tourists.

They were kept in the air-port at Port Moresby, the capital, for five hours waiting for a connecting flight north to Lae, taking their total jour-ney time since leaving Man-chester on Friday morning to

almost 50 hours. Then they arrived in Lae to the news that the National Inter-City Cup final there had been abandoned after 60 min-utes because of serious crowd rioting. Police used teargas at the ground where Great Brit-ain will play the Kumuls in a one off Test on Saturday be-fore moving on to Fiji and New Zealand.

Local journalists at the final claimed that two men had been shot, one of them killed. When the Lions party checked into their hotel they were told to stay there with an armed guard until further

notice, jeopardising a training session today.

'It is obviously unsettling."

said Phil Larder, the increas-ingly beleaguered British

trouble was caused by local rivalry so it should not affect us. But we have a very young squad and I will be speaking to them about the situation."

The squad had already been depleted by the withdrawal of most of their first-choice back ine, many of them staying in England to play rugby union, and Bobbie Goulding heads a list of four players carrying injuries which make them doubtful for both Wednes-day's provincial game in Mount Hagen and the Test on

Saturday.
Goulding has a knee prob-lem and his St Helens teammate Chris Joynt is recovering from minor knee surgery, Bradford Bulls' utility forward Bernard Dwyer has badly blistered feet and Work-ington's Welsh prop Rowland

Phillips has a groin strain. Larder had planned a training session in the heat and humidity of Lae as soon as the team arrived but the de-lay in Port Moresby has left him with only two days to prepare for the game at Mount Hagen, a further short

Bennett, whose brother Wayne is established as one of the world's leading tacticians after his work for Can-

Down in the mouth and most of the singles . . . Trish Johnson, left, and Laura Davies, right, wait in vain at the 18th for something to cheer up Europe. The US took the singles 10-2 Ross on

David Davies at Chepstow sees the United States' single-mindedness retain the Solheim Cup at the double

Europe lost on their own

repulsed, duly came about yesterday and Europe were swamped by the United States in the final series of singles in the Solheim Cup here at St

Some 15.000 people had been attracted to this lovely little corner of Monmouthshire by the prospect of Europe's two-point overnight lead being turned into a memorable victory over the Americans. Instead, in a silence that was often profound and embarrassing. Europe won but a solitary singles match. halved two more and lost the

remaining nine. The final scoreline was 17-11, the six-point losing margin being the same as it had been at The Greenbrier two years ago. And, if ever one series of matches showed that a contest was truly a nocontest, it was yesterday's

When Annika Sorenstam, the home side's best player. won her match at the top of the order at 12 o'clock it was already High Noon for Europe. The rest of the scoreboard showed that the US led in eight of the other 11 matches and were all square

The American scores were Refore the matches started ger team the better chance, recorded in red and that was there was a lot of brave talk and the stronger team are the

HE rout that had all the visitors saw all day. "I threatened all week, and had been bravely if exhaustingly later, "but they were all a sout being able to find "12 Americans. This king though there are undoubtedly some — say three — "great" realised the great colour."

Two years ago Europe were level. 5-5. after the fourball and foursomes series, only to lose 13-7. What that showed. and what yesterday's series showed, is that, although lesser players can take comfort in the moral and practical support that a partnership offers, when it comes to the

In that situation the best

players win, the only danger

- as the Americans showed

in the Ryder Cup at Oak Hill

- being complacency. At St Pierre the Americans had

most of the best players, with all 12 of them inside the top 21

in the world rankings. Europe

had only six, the remaining six ranking from 22 to 97, and

they were found out.

some — say three — "great" players in Europe, there are not 12 and probably never will be. The men have not got 12 and they have been search-After the matches a lot of nonsense was talked, mostly by the European captain

that, if Europe continue to lose, it will take only two or three more

line was 17-11 and one may be

sure that no American would

regard a defeat of that magni-

tude as any kind of success.

Walker went on to say she considered the expanded format, which gives a total of 28 points rather than 20 to be

played for, a good thing. How she arrives at this conclusion defies logic, for the fact of

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This kind of claptrap be-comes dangerous when it is realised that, if Europe con-tinue to lose, it will take only two or three more matches before everyone loses interest and a potentially magnificent event will be downgraded or even lost. The format must be altered, as a matter of urgency, to give the European Mickey Walker, who said: Tour a chance to learn to tod. The event itself has been a dle, before walking and run wonderful success." It may ning can be considered.

Yesterday's golf was deeply depressing to European eyes. Sorenstam won well, Kathryn

Marshall was unlucky to be

two under par and still lose to

Val Skinner, and Alison Nich-

olas was one under when she halved with Kelly Robbins. That half-point meant that the

cup was retained by the Americans — at 1.36pm. It was £25 to get in yesterday

and not many of the throng there would have regarded it

as great value.

for the State Farm Rail Classic this month. Lisa Hackney was level but lost on the last; Dale Reid was one over, Helen Alfredsson and Lotte Neumann two over, Marie-Laure de Lorenzi and Catrin Nilsmark three over, Joanne Morley four over and Trish Johnson five over — all this on a relatively easy course. It was not nearly good This kind of claptrap becomes dangerous when it is realised

enough. Thankfully this never be as some events at The Green brier two years ago had indi-cated it might. Some of the credit for this can be taken by the informal choir, the St Pierre Spontaneous Orpheus, that sprang up in the stand behind the 1st tee, orches-trated by the former Tour

single birdle, was two over against Michelle McGann,

who also beat her in a play-off

player Jane Connachan. They had a song for every player and for all occasions the Swedes got something from Abba, for instance, and there was a wordless version of the Marseillaise for De Lorenzi. Even a passing Radio Five Live commentator, Mau-reen Madili, was serenaded with When Irish Eyes are Smiling, and perhaps the best of the lot was when Walker appeared with an eye-patch to the swift and yesterday the Elsewhere Europe were covering adverse reaction to a mostly playing plus-par golf. wasp-sting. "Da-dee-da-da-da-



Hands-on ... the US take the cup 17-11 STEPHEN MUNDAY

very presentable version of the theme music from The Sting.

It was infectious good humour, the songs were stifled in good time before the players teed off and they helped create a wonderful atmo-sphere. Unfortunately, yesterday, it began and ended on the 1st tee.

At 7am, in St Pierre's tiny church at the back of the reg-ular 18th green, Nicholas read the lesson for the early-morning service. It was from 1 Corinthians 9, verses 24-35, and read, partly: "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the Americans were much the faster.

Bjorn is bonny banker in his rookie year on tour

Patrick Glenn

HERE was a bundle to be made for any reader of signs who could bave worked out that the inaugural Loch Lomond World Invitational would be won by a man lifting his first tournament in his rookie year on the Euro-

yesterday to pocket the £125.000 first prize. Having been quoted at around 150-1 on Thursday,

Bjorn brought the kind of romance to the 72nd green that galleries love. He missed a birdie putt but, with a stroke in hand. tapped in to secure victory. This performance lifted pean Tour.

Thomas Bjorn, a long-hitting 25-year-old from Dennow only £13,000 behind

mark, held off some fancy | Scotland's Raymond Rusnames on the bonny banks | sell in the Rookie of the yesterday to pocket the | Year contest. This was his | Colin Montgomerie, Robert | Colin Montgomerie, Robert | Sub-par round of the week. | as he was leaving the bad only Van de Velde to course and was taken to beat, and successive birdies hospital with a suspected at the 13th and 14th sudfourth top-10 finish and be has amassed just over £224.000. He has also put himself into early contention for a place in the Ryder Cup exactly a year from

> Bjorn, who began the day level with his playing part-ner Jean Van de Velde of France, included three birdies and two bogeys in his final-day 70, his fourth

The expected charge from Colin Montgomerie, Robert Allenby and Nick Faldo did not materialise on a grey but windless day. Montgomerie and Al-

lenby, playing together in the second-to-last match, both shot 70. Allenby finished third, four strokes off the winner, with the big Scot another shot away along with England's Jona-than Lomas. Allenby tripped in a rut

broken right ankle. It turned out to be only badly cushion. bruised and the Australian hopes to play in the Euro-pean Open in Dublin next

week.
Faldo, who began the day
seven behind, was cooked
by the turn, already two
over par. He finished with a 77 and tied for 37th place. Bjorn knew by the middle of the inward nine that he

denly gave him a three-shot He was able to coast in

from there although he con-fessed to never having felt so nervous in his life as he did walking the last four holes. He was assisted by a good-lack message from Brian Laudrup, the Rangers winger, who lives three miles from the

Hockey

Smith starts at the double No panic at Palace

ANE SMITH, the England international, had a fine debut for Slough on the opening day of the Women's National League, scoring this in the first assets a private in the first and a fine debut for Slough on the opening day of the Women's private in the first and a fine debut for Slough on the opening day of the Women's private in the first and a fine debut for Slough on the opening day of the Women's private in the first and a fine debut for Slough on the opening day of the Women's private in the first and a fine debut for Slough on the opening day of the Women's private in the first and a fine debut for Slough on the opening day of the Women's private in the first and a fine debut for Slough on the women's private in the first and a fine debut for Slough on the women's private in the first and a fine debut for the women's private in the first and a fine debut for the women's private in the first and a fine debut for the women's private in the first and a fine debut for the women's private in the first and a fine debut for the women's private in the first and a fine debut for the women's private in the first and a fine debut for the first and a first twice in the first seven minham yesterday to lead her new club to a 3-0 win.

Smith scored with a direct strike at Slough's somewhat fortunate first corner, and soon afterwards slid the ball under Aileen Claxton, the former England goalkeeper, from Rate White's pass.

The tall athletic striker then had the opportunity to complete her hat-trick but took advantage of the new nooffside rule and unselfishly fed the better placed Mandy Nicholls, who scored.

cohesion as their new coach John Shaw, the Olympic for-ward, took the opportunity to give all his players pitch time. The champions Hightown, with a penalty by Linda Carr and a gift chance taken by the Wales winger Yana Williams. won 2-1 at Clifton but could thank Carolyn Reid, their

goalkeeper, for keeping them in the game in the first half.

The cup holders Ipswich failed to take their chances in a goalless first half at home to Sutton and had to be content with a 2-2 draw. Bamfield and Rawlinson scored for Ipswich between two goals by the daughter of the former Eng-land international Val Lee.

Lisa. In the other Premier Division match a controversial from Jeremy Boyse, brother late penalty, impressively of the international Adrian, converted by Claire Ferguson, brought Doncaster a 2-1 the men's First Division newhome win over the promoted comers Lewes trounced

The day's outstanding per-formance came from Olton on their First Division debut.
With the former British captain Barbara Hambly dominant in midfield, their young side played aggressively, as dictated by the international coach Gavin Featherstone, and beat Blueharts 7-1. Their biggest disappointment was to manage only three goals from 22 penalty corners.

It was a good day, too, for the league's newcomers. Lynn Goodhew's two goals brought Loughtonians a 2-1 win over Exmouth and Ann Glover brought West Witney a 1-0 win with a first-half goal at Another remarkable

National League debut came

Basketball

Rob Dugdale

IFE in the Budweiser Premier League has not been easy for the newly promoted Crystal Palace. They may bear the most famous name in British basket-ball but that counts for little when the first three games have been lost.

"We're very close to win-ning a game," says Alton Byrd, Palace's coach and general manager. "I told people that it was going to be painful and that, if we nicked a game or two early on, it would be a Byrd, the best playmaker

the British game has seen. was still playing last season when his team easily won Division One. He is not tempted to reverse his deci- clinched promotion.

championship. I've enough silverware gathering dust."

Palace showed further big-league teething problems against Leicester this week-end. Losing by two points with four minutes remaining, then four points with 2½ min-utes left on the clock, they panicked and lost 79-65, alhough missing 13 free-throws did not help.
Palace are a good bench-

mark for the new league regu-lations that allow more work-permit players on each team this season, the best English players having been lost as a result of the Bosman ruling. Byrd has added a cou-ple of Canadians to the largely English line-up that

but I'm not even close to suiting up," he says. "I wouldn't play just to win another Americans in the league may not be making the impact that was expected. Nothing would tempt Byrd

to sign more foreigners. "I don't see the purpose of it.
Short term, the league had to
take action." he says. "But
we're looking three years
ahead when we want to be playing in Europe, where the rule is fewer foreigners." The new rules have bene-

fited teams that have historically recruited well. Derby Storm, whose coach Jeff Jones brought in some of the more talented Americans of recent years, went top of the table when a 110-104 win over Hemel and Watford brought them a third success in four starts.

Slough continued to dominate the game but wasted chances and lost some of their | Trojans, who deserved better | Bromley 8-2.

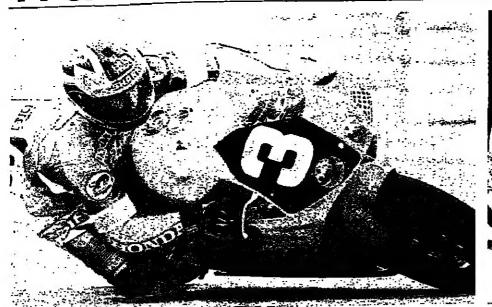
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sion to retire from playing. "Talent-wise I'm looking at the sides we've played so far decided to play from day one and we're just as good," says defeat of the season. 92-85.

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Wenger pays Arsenal flying visit

Highbury's new man is not yet here to stay but thought he should be on hand for the Uefa Cup trip to Germany. Martin Thorpe reports

| worked for three years in Japan in a different culture wanted to be here." be said, where my challenge was to specifically referring to the lessays be into bedone

finally welcomed the body of Arsène Wenger yesterday, a long, lean shape that marched confidently through the door of a hastily arranged press conference to ask: "Crisis, what crisis?" It is in the tradition of

ager should arrive just as

the team have climbed to

looked very strong and determined and the players appear to have been very positive too. The crisis has been around the club but never inside the club." recent perverse events at Arsenal that the new man-

Such a way with words will signal to the players and supporters that Arsenal are welcoming an unconventional manager not just because he is third place in the Premier-ship. But this is not what

Wenger was talking about.
Highbury in spirit almost as long as Herbert Chapman, but Arsenal man, but Arsenal contact with the board they bloomed the body of looked wary strong and de.

Wenger was talking about.
"I had the feeling there is cool, calm and authoritatively impressive, a man with an economics degree applying that brain to feeting the press. Wenger is cool, calm and authoritatively impressive, a man with an economics degree is cool, calm and authorita-tively impressive, a man with an economics degree

But he bas a passion too. The main reason for coming is that I love English football; the roots of the game are here," he says. "I like the spirit round the game and at Arsenal and I like the club's potential. For my career it can be a further step for my personal development.
"I worked successfully in
France for 10 years; I have on Saturday, then flying via Paris to London.
"I had the feeling the

France for 10 years; I have

create something from nothing. To go to another country where football is of the highest level is a big He will actually leave the

Japanese club Grampus 8 and take over at Arsenai next Monday on a three-year deal worth around £1.5 million. But he decided on a flying right to London on a flying visit to London when Stewart Houston resigned as caretaker man-ager; he arrived at 8.30 yes-terday morning after leaving home on Friday, watching Grampus 8 win

wanted to be here," he said, specifically referring to the team's task in trying to overcome a 3-2 deficit in Wednesday's away Uefa future. He denied interest Cup first-round, second-leg tie against Borussia Mönchengladbach. "The first game wasn't so

good, with us losing at home, but I deeply believe we can reverse the game in Germany," he said. He will meet the players

today at training, then join the team for the Borussia game, fly back to oversee his final Grampus 8 match on Saturday and return to London permanently.

or two in mind for the future. He denied interest in Stefan Effenberg, Mat thias Sammer and the Brazilian Leonardo. with whom Arsenal have been linked, and appeared cool on his former protes

George Weah. He also confirmed that in July he had turned down an offer to be the Football Association's technical director because he did not want to be desk-bound. Arsenal had approached London permanently.
He has already appointed the current caretaker manager Pat Rice as his No. 2
Him in the first week of August but he could not accept the job until Grampus 8 found a replacement.



Wenger . . . 'crisis around

Asked if he had a messag for Arsenal fans, he said: "It will take me a couple of months to adapt to the team and for them to adapt to me. No team can be attractive and fantastic in every match, but my message to the fans is come here and watch us and be happy." Peace and love are heading for Highbury.

Middlesbrough 0 Arsenal 2

Gallant Adams raises spirits

Michael Walker

BOUT 15 frenetic min-utes of this frantic confrontation had elapsed when yet another Arsenal player hit the deck requiring treatment. Off the bench once again came the substitutes,

Tony Adams among them.
As they stretched and strained their way along the touchline, the noisy Arsenal contingent spontaneously burst into "One Tony Adams, there's only one Tony Ad-ams". Middlesbrough's al-ready incensed followers, now with someone else to vent their anger on, were bound to respond and it was no surprise to hear a lone voice reply: "One triple vodka,

there's only one triple vodka." It was a further 15 minutes before Adams was able to retaliate but when he did appear on the pitch he gave the impression of a man in rude health both physically and mentally. His commitment to Arsenal has never been questioned but there was a confi-dence to his performance that was positively articulate in comparison with the incoherent mumbling of Middles-brough's "defenders". One man this did not shock

was Pat Rice, Arsenal's second caretaker manager of the month. "Tony was bursting to get on." said Rice. "He was like a stallion caged. I never thought about not bringing him on; he typifles everything that's good at the club."

Of his player's emotional

Of his player's emotional state after the game, Rice said: "Tony's fine, Tony's bubbling, Tony's ... well. Tony's Tony." Rice then emphatically denied that Tony would shortly depart Highbury for Leeds, "No chance, not even for George [Graham], not even for no one. Tony Adams is not leaving Tony Adams is not leaving the Arsenal." There was only one more question on the Adams situation and Rice answered that frankly too: "Tony's not drinking no

ment on the match and the future. Although he could not talk with certainty about his own position, he hoped that Arsene Wenger's arrival would signal "the dawning of a new era", Of the 19 minutes he had just witnessed, Rice's most pertinent observation was that "good defending is an art".

Robson should call the paint-ers in. He recognised the de-fensive deficiencies of his back five that contributed to Arsenal's goals and realised that it could have been significantly worse.

Arsenal's first saw Dixon's simplest of crossfield balls by-pass the whole defence, letting Hartson lob the exposed Miller. The second followed an embarrassing stumble by Vickers that gave Wright time and space calmly to score his 101st League goal for Arsenal, Merson then hit the bar on half-time and missed a sitter 10 minutes from the end after another mistake by

There were other chances but Middlesbrough also had a couple. Juninho, looking totally acclimatised, worked constantly and Ravanelli hit the woodwork twice. The Italian had an unfulfilling afternoon but can console himself with the knowledge that the "peace, solitude and sanity" he says he has found in the Cleveland Hills would not have been on offer at High-

English eyes on Klinsmann

NGLISH clubs will be alerted by news that Jürgen Klinsmann has a clause in his contract allowing him free transfer at the end of the season. Everton and Black-burn have both been linked with the former Tottenham striker.

Southampton's hopes of signing the Portuguese striker Paolo Alves in time for tonight's Premiership game at Wimbledon have hit a snag after Sporting Lisbon suddenly asked for more

Terry Venables's business associate Eddie Ashby has been banned by the High Court from becoming a company director for nine years. It follows an investigation into a clothes company, quarter-owned by Ashby, which went into receivership owing

Ashby appears at London's Knightsbridge Crown Court on October 28 charged with undischarged bankrupt.

Tottenham Hotspur 1, Leicester City 2

Francis and his skeleton staff rattled

David Lacey

HE presence of a Fox in the opposition aroused Leicester City's hunting instincts at White Hart Lane yesterday. Tottenham's present failings were fre-O'Neill's team achieved their second victory since returning to the Premiership and their first away from home

as much for Leicester's confidence as the result, especially as they were forced, in effect, to win the match twice. Steve Claridge put them

The performance should do

ahead after 21 minutes, a lead they held until the interval, but they then missed a penal ty and conceded one within a short space of time around Clive Wilson brought the

scores level with Tottenham's penalty, after which Leiceswith a series of outstanding saves. When Emile Heskey hit a post Leicester seemed destined for a draw, but with five minutes remaining lan Marshall's header brought them a victory they roundly

Marshall had replaced Claridge, injured in giving Leicester the lead. Signed from Ips-wich last month for £800,000. the Liverpudlian looked a bargain at today's prices. Spurs are in a mess. They

have not won at White Hart Lane since the end of March and this was their second consecutive home defeat. Injuries

and Austin and yesterday they were a team of disparate

Leicester, on the other hand, remained a compact unit almost throughout. Playing three at the back with five in midfield, they broke quickly and powerfully through Heskey, a broadntly exploited as Martin | shouldered and athletic 18year-old with good control and vision,

The essence of Leicester's superiority, however, lay in the strength and balance of their midfield. With Grayson and Lewis giving the team a mixture of attacking width and defensive nous, Lennon and lezet winning possession tenaciously and Taylor finding shrewd angles with his runs and passes, they domi-nated much of the game between the penalty areas. Just when Spurs thought they were establishing some

sort of parity in midfield, O'Neill brought on Garry ter's American goalkeeper Parker to bring an air of calm Kasey Keller defied Spurs to increasingly frenetic proceedings. Even Darren Anderton could not provide a similarly soothing presence for Tottenham Yesterday Anderton looked like a player awaiting another groin operation. Gifted footballer though he is, the England man is beginning to resemble a tennis racket urgently in need of a restring. Gerry Francis, the Tottenham manager, is so short of strikers that yesterday be

played Sol Campbell up front alongside the inexperienced Rory Allen. Campbell's height posed a brief threat to Leicester's defence early on, but by the time Claridge lunged past



Anderton angst . . . the Spurs forward, thwarted here by Leicester's Taylor, looked listless and less than fully fit yesterday

match was slipping out of Spurs' control. For the second half Francis decided to mirror Leicester's approach by bringing on Sinton, a left-winger, for Edin-burgh, who had damaged a hamstring, and playing three

the 58th minute when Lewis's crossfield ball found Heskey completely unmarked on the right. He dragged his shot wide.

A minute earlier, Nethercott having brought down Heskey, Walker had saved at the back A courageous Walsh's poorly struck penalty move, but it nearly led to a to keep Tottenham in the conhave deprived them of Mab- Wilson at the far post to force move, but it nearly led to a to keep Tottenham in the con- ham sought an unlikely win. but, Sheringham, Armstrong in Heskey's low centre the second goal for Leicester in test. Three minutes past the And when Heskey's shot took

appeared to escalate when Prior pulled Campbell away from Anderton's centre and Wilson's penalty brooked no

Keller then kept out shots from Fox, Nielsen and, late in the game, Anderton as Tottenham sought an unlikely win.

hour the cost of both misses | a slight deflection off Wilson | firmly into the before hitting the foot of the near post in the 78th minute, it seemed equally unlikely that Spurs would lose.

But lose they did, and to the simplest of goals. Parker's corner from the right floated away from Walker and Marshall was unmarked as he rose to head the ball ton staff at the moment."

"Had we not won I would have committed suicide," said O'Neill. As it is, Francis is better advised to stay away from tall buildings just now.
"No one listens to hard-luck stories," he said. "People are we are operating with a skele-

Leeds United 0, Newcastle United 1

Lessons from new testament

Martin Thorps

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The state of the s

EITTINGLY for clubs where football is something of a religion, Leeds United and Newcastle United have been converted. The hallowed halls of Elland Road already echo to the lesson acig to George Graham, while flamboyance's greatest evangelist Kevin Keegan has finally seen the light and em-braced the devil doggedness. The only characteristics which differentiated Leeds from the Arsenal of old on Saturday were the all-white strip and the fact that they lost Otherwise there was, like a Highbury memory, the

from set pieces and niggly

As for Newcastle, remember Keegan's deliant boast after last season's glorious failure? "The only thing we won't ever get rid of is the style of play. As long as I'm here we'll score goals and let

Well, Keegan has spent the summer like a politician quietly ignoring the party manifesto. "There's a doggedness about us now and I welcome it," he said after this fifth win in a row. "All flair and no doggedness won't win anything, as we found last

Doggedness

the Premiership. Saturday's victory was

helped by the 39th-minute dismissal of the Leeds defender Carlton Palmer for two dubious tackles from behind. But Newcastle just about deserved their victory by keeping things tight — or as tight as one can when Asprilla is in the side — and battling hard when the 10 men, as ever, proved harder

to handle than 11. Leeds's display spoke much for the willing legs and dedicated spirit of a side sprin-kled with youngsters because of injuries to Yeboah, Dorigo, Bowyer, Pemberton and

long early ball forward, threat | away games and sit second in | draw with Darlington is not the return to the game Graham envisaged, and the team's results, like the new manager's image, may take With the squad containing

a few too many unsolicited gifts for even Graham's liking, a foray or two into the transfer market will be a priority.
Graham dismissed reports linking him with Tony Ad-ams but admitted he was

looking at new players. "No, I won't say who they are," he replied predictably. The impressive Sharpe pro-duced Leeds's best chance after seven minutes when his



Graham . . . preaching

shot was saved by Srnicek's really came alight, going closchanged their spots, Newcas- But two league defeats legs. But slowly Newcastle est at corners. But Newcastle the have won three of four sandwiching a home cup turned the screw and scored held on. A novelty indeed.

the winner through Shearer, his fourth goal of the season but first from open play. Leeds rallied and for 20 second-half minutes dominated a game which never

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Roker roar as muted as Big Ron's latest explanations three home points for the first | which did most to elevate the | leave their home of almost a

ON ATKINSON could never be described as ashen-faced — his year-round tan precludes that - but after seeing his side's recent mini-revival shudder to a balt the Coventry manager's fa-bled powers of explanation

seemed to have waned.
Whatever happened to the infamous "Early days"? All a his way towards goal, six terse Big Ron could muster was a self-evident "I'm annoyed."

The uninformed would have found it difficult to tell Atkinson apart from his Sun- in Stockport, David Kelly is derland counterpart Peter out of favour and now Quinn Reid, never the most looks likely to spend a long must be counting the days quality that Atkinson's Covloquacious of speakers. Reid's time in the treatment room. gratification at picking up | Yet it was Quinn's departure | season, when the club will ously short supply.

time since April was tem-pered by the grim news that the club's record signing Niall Quinn had suffered a knee ligament injury.

Another day, another dismal slice of fortune for for-

wards at Roker Park, which is beginning to threaten Old Trafford as a home strikers' graveyard. Not since a young years ago, has a Sunderland player managed to score 20 times in a season.

Of the latest crop, Phil Gray is in France, Brett Angell is

match above the mundane, a century for a new 40,000 allstandard underscored by the chorus of jeers that followed Gone are the the players into the tunnel at half time. Reid preferred to pick out

the tireless contribution of Reid's pragmatic style — "I'd Paul Stewart for praise, but it rather have a 0-0 draw than was the substitute Craig Russell's turn of pace and unselfish willingness to move wide which justly punished Coven-Russell's deep cross was met by the chest of Steve

Agnew, whose left-foot finish was as sweet as his overall display was inconsistent. Even the traditionalists among Saturday's crowd | can be "a test of character"; a

Gone are the days when the Roker roar could batter the opposition into submission,

and that, combined with rather have a 0-0 draw than get beaten 4-3, that's my philosophy" — has added a cer-tain inevitability to an already vicious circle. Impatience from the fans leads to tension in the players leads to more impatience from the fans.

Even Agnew admitted that, for Sunderland, playing in front of their own supporters

Sheffield Wednesday 0, Derby County 0 Jim and David grin and bear it

David Hopps

AVID PLEAT and Jim Smith, the respective managers of Sheffield Wednesday and Derby County, would make a good double act. Pleat acts like a marketing executive, forever striving for an advantageous intepretation: Smith plays the gritty Les Dawson type who tells it like it is.

I say, I say, I say. What about this referee, boys? Nine bookings. Wasn't he an absolute bounder? Pleat: "We don't criticise referees. Everybody needs them. It was only his third

game in the Premiership.

Smith (pausing to sup his

pint): "Aye, and it might have been his last."
In keeping with the best double acts, both were right; they were merely looking from a different perspective. Graham Bar ber is indeed inexperi enced, so criticism should be tempered, but his constant flourishing of yellow cards became a major irri tant in a shoddy, unedifying game. To book nine

players, virtually without hesitation, without sending anybody off was either very fortunate or a remarkable feat of memory. Pembridge, particularly aggravated by the referee's refusal to condone his quick free-kicks, was per-

haps fortunate to injure his low, outswinging cross. struck the far post after peacemaker.

half an hour, was Wednesday's attacking highlight. Their slide into mid-table

seems well under way.
"If you like tackles, this
was the game of the season," claimed Pleat, which was a bit like saving Saudi side resort if you like sand. One looked in vain for Smith to add another punchline, only to discover that he was staring dole-fully into his pint, doubtless recalling the chances Derby had missed. Gabbiadini, an idiosyn cratic striker for once playing an admirable team

game, excelled when his lay-off almost set up Sturridge just before half-time. It almost atoned for his blatant miss after 80 seconds when, alone inside the six-yard area, he headed Chris Powell's leftwing cross too high. Derby, well served by Powell's composure at wing

back, were increasingly dangerous on the break, no more so than seven minutes from time when Laursen cleverly delayed his cross from the right but Dailly's cumbersome shot failed to extend Pressman. In his frustration, Dailly hacked at the goalkeeper and invited a contretemps

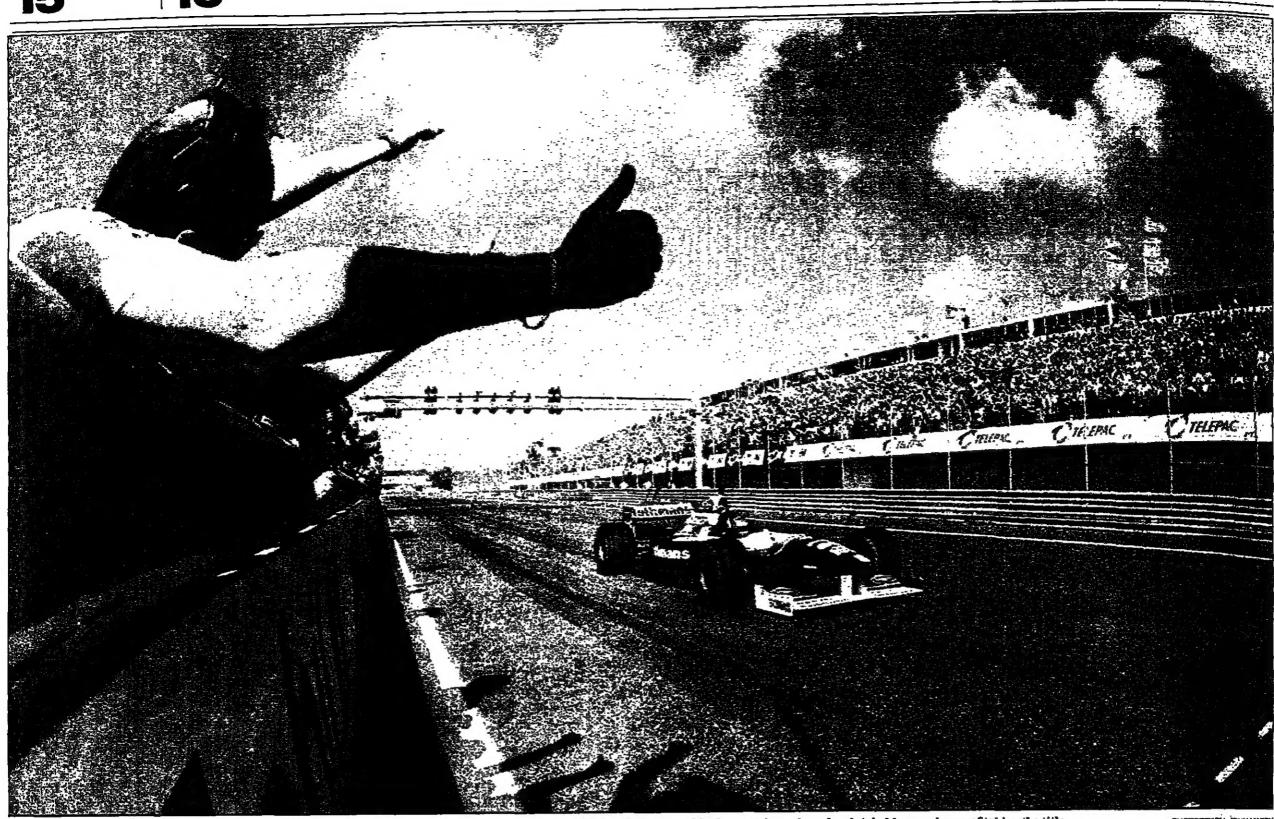
with Trustfull, during which Mr Barber seemed to be barged as he intervened. Presumably confused, he fil million allowed Trustfull to go unpunished and, along with calf before seeing red. His Dailly, booked another Derby player, Ward, who taking part in the running of however, from which Hirst was trying to act as Tottenham Hotspur while an 7.1

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Cliff-hanger finish . . . Villeneuve wins the Portuguese Grand Prix to deny his Williams team-mate the world drivers' championship three weeks early and maintain his own chance of taking the title

Hill left needing to make his point

Richard Williams sees Villeneuve win in Estoril and pit didn't tell me to slow down take the world championship battle to the final race

world champion-ship will go down to the wire but at least the odds keep improving. By fin-ishing second to his Williams team-mate and title challenger Jacques Villeneuve in the Portuguese Grand Prix here yesterday he ensured that he needs only a single point from the final race of the season, at Suzuka in three

weeks' time. One point is the margin by which Hill lost the championship to Michael Schumacher at Suzuka two years ago but the omens are better this time, despite yesterday's

Hill's Williams-Renault led the race for 50 laps, with Villeneuve in close atten-

go the Englishman was warned of a clutch malfunction by his engineers and slowed up to preserve his second place. Schumacher finished third in his Ferrari. ahead of Jean Alesi's Benet

ton-Renault By taking the winner's 10 points to Hill's six. Villeneuve ensured that he had done just enough to keep the championship alive into the 16th and last round. He needed a fourpoint differential and he got it with a drive of impressive power and purpose. Now he has cut the margin to nine points, which keeps Hill just

Villeneuve will need not only to win the Japanese Grand Prix but to see Hill fincrew enabled him to take the single point available for and I had to back off. I'd felt a Turn to page 13, column 7

within range.

AMON HILL's lead during the third round of sixth place, they will be level failure on the long quest for the pit stops. He pulled away on 88 points. In that case Hill of the race."

Formula One from Hill and with 16 laps to will take the title by virtue of He is beco having won seven races this season to Villeneuve's five. The supremacy of the two

> son with three wins in a row, a sequence eventually broken by Villeneuve's debut victory.
> The pair have now won 11 of the season's 15 races between ing forward to Suzuka. It

Hill was generous in defeat. 'Jacques was flying," he said. "He drove a great race today. To come from fourth after the start to win the race is no mean feat around here. There was no way I could stay with dance, but sick work by the ish lower than sixth. If Ville him. And then I got a warning down the right-hand side, French-Canadian and his neuve wins and Hill takes the about the clutch problems drawing alongside Hill.

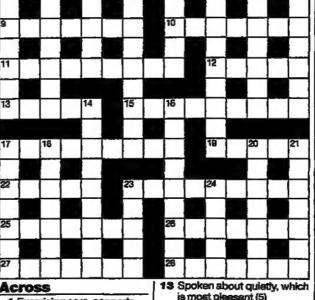
but the alarm bells started ringing. You can imagine that I didn't want a mechanical failure on the car at that stage

He is becoming accustomed to the frustration. "Of course, before the race I couldn't help but think that I was within an Williams-Renault cars was hour and 45 minutes perhaps clear from start to finish of of becoming world champion. yesterday's race, as it has Now I'll have to wait until Su-been since Hill began the sea-zuka to find out if it's going to zuka to find out if it's going to happen. But I've waited all season. Longer than that, ac-

them, and Estoril saw a fight
between equals until the
clutch problem slowed the
championship leader.

The tension inherent in
Hill's predicament was apparent in his behaviour at the start of the race. He got away well from pole position, on the left of the track, while Villeneuve spun his wheels. But Alesi, as he had done at Monza a fortnight ago, took off even better and came

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1 Exercising care, copper's content, and the man's charged (7)

- 5 Woollen garments prove best in test arranged (4-3)
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- is most pleasant (5) 15 The person looking around these rigs will make
- changes (9) 17 Sort of spine seen by many a doctor in the city (9)
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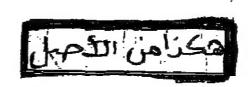


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